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Adani-Hindenburg row: Plea seeks contempt action against SEBI

A plea has been filed in the Supreme Court for initiation of contempt proceedings against the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), alleging it has violated the timeline for completing the investigation and submitting its report on the allegations of stock price manipulation by the Adani Group.

Department of Information and Public Relations

Under the leadership of Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Siddaramaiah, The Karnataka Model of Governance has completed six months and is marching ahead strongly...

6 months of illustrious achievements

Sri D. K. Shivakumar
Hon,ble Deputy Chief Minister

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS

- Rs. 1500 crore crop insurance to 19 lakh farmers
- Creation of 40000 Agri Ponds
- Financial incentive to 9 lakh milk producers
- Crop loan to 16 lakh farmers
- Interest loan to 18230 Self Help Groups
- 48 lakh Yashashwini Beneficiaries
- 12,593 hectares irrigation potential created
- Karnataka Road Development and Regulatory Authority established
- Creation of 10 crore Man days Rs. 4451 crore paid
- 98,080 houses constructed for SC, ST and others
- Amendment to PTCL Act
- Admissions to 50 Morarji residential schools for minorities doubled
- 1.91 crore applications disposed under Sakala Services
- 59,757 cases decided in Revenue Court
- Scholarship of Rs 525 Crore disbursed 9.5 lakh students from Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes
- Commission formed for Karnataka State Education Policy
- New Act for Transparent Examinations
- Janatha Darshan at Taluka, District and State Level every month
- Launch of Nourished Karnataka scheme for anemia free State at an expenditure of Rs. 185.74 crore

FREE BUS Service for women across Karnataka
60 lakh women benefit every day. Total of 97.2 crore trips till now

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Upto 200 Units of Free Electricity to each home
Free electricity provided to more than 1.56 crore households.

Yuva Nidhi
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₹1500 Per month for Diploma Holders
Expected to help 4.5 lakh youth.

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• Ritu: Sharad • Masa: Karthika • Paksha: Sukla • Tithi: Ashtami 3.03 am
• Nakshatra: Dhanishta 10.05 pm • Moon in Kumbha Rashi • Rahukaala: 07:30 am to 09:00 am
• Gulikakala: 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm • Yamaganda: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

WEATHER
MIN 18°C | MAX 29°C
FORECAST Mostly cloudy

Sunrise 6.20 am
Sunset 5.50 pm
Moonrise 12.38 pm
Moonset 12.32 pm

Repeat of 2003: Fans pad up for a fun day, but hope gives way to heartbreak

Cheers and many tears, but city proud of Men in Blue

PURAN CHOUDHARY @ Bengaluru

CRICKET is India's religion and Bengaluru surely lived up to its devotion. Not just hardcore cricket fans, even people with very little knowledge of the game did not want to miss the grand World Cup finale between India and Australia.

The streets were deserted on Sunday afternoon as city folk stayed indoors for an evening of cricket. Bars, restaurants and public places with big screens streaming the match live resounded with crowds and cheerleaders. And when India was hemmed in by an in-form Aussie team, and the runs barely trickled in, the collective disappointment was palpable. There was a muted silence in the last couple of overs, as David Warner's fielding was exceptional, blocking all fours.

While many wished India's bowling would make up for the loss in runs, fans were disheartened by the loss. Ayanava from Koramangala said, "India has played exceptionally well this season, proving their mettle in all the matches. We have a strong team but chances seemed slim post the first innings."

There was a live screening at the World War Memorial on Brigade Road for 500 people. People showed their support for the Indian team by stepping out in blue jerseys, and getting their faces painted with Indian flags. Three girls who had travelled from Adugodi to be a part of the community screening left towards the end, disappointed by the loss.

Walking down the lanes along MG Raod and Indiranagar, one could hear the faint voice of the commentator, as people huddled around stores to watch the game.

All eateries where the match was screened were full to capacity, and many restaurants stopped taking reservations by Saturday night due to the high demand.

The RCB Bar and Cafe on St Mark's Road, which holds game nights and provides curated experience for sports, was lit up with fans. "It is a vibe that we are setting up, and we do this for every match. Live music was played and polaroid pictures were being taken. For special moments such as when a wicket was taken, or a six or four was hit, we were giving out gifts to the patrons," said Sriram Sullia, who works on fan engagement at the cafe. He added that the cafe capacity is 350 people and around 10 screens were put up for the finals. "We tried to create an atmosphere for Bengalureans, however, many were disappointed after the first innings, when India finished batting."

Restaurants ran multiple offers on drinks and food. Some places even charged entry fee and limited the number of group entries into cafes, expecting to make a profit of 40-50 per cent.

"We had to close reservations on Saturday itself. It is, of course, a great moment for the country and everyone wants to cheer for India. We put up a huge projector. We are spread over one and half acres and we expected over 1500-2000 people over the weekend," said Krishnapriya Bannerjee from URU Brewpark.

Fans watch the match in a tense mood at the community screening of the World Cup finals at Brigade Road Junction. SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

(Left) A large gathering at the screening of India vs Australia World Cup finals. (Centre) Emotions run high as Team Australia's dominance threatens India's World Cup dream. (Right) As people stayed glued to their TV sets, streets wore a deserted look on Sunday evening | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA, ALLEN EGENUSE J

India needs to indigenize key components, says IAF chief

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@ Bengaluru

INDIA is taking huge steps to ensure the indigenization of key components and hopefully, the reliance on foreign OEMs for niche technologies will reduce significantly after five to seven years, said Vivek Ram Chaudhari, Chief of Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal, while speaking at the 'Aerospace & Defence' session held as part of the Synergia Conclave-2023 in Bengaluru on Sunday.

"A good example would be the Light Combat Aircraft (LCA). The major component that is procured from outside the country is the GE404 engine on the LCA Mark I. We recently got this understanding with GE for the GE414 engine for the LCA Mark II which will also probably be the stepping stone for the engine that will be fitted in AMCA (Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft). We are self-reliant in terms of radars, avionics systems, EW (Electronic Warfare) systems that has gone into the package," the IAF chief said, while speaking at the Synergia Conclave-2023 in Bengaluru.

He said that initially, the LCA radar was procured from Israel, while EW systems were obtained from other countries, however, the new aircraft will have India-made Utam radar.

The IAF chief said conventional application of knowledge and technology will produce an incremental change, whereas innovative use of converging technologies can bring about exponential changes.

The manned fighters will remain the fulcrum of aerospace power around which other systems will operate, at least for the next decade, he added. Future aircraft need to have enhanced survivability in a contested and well-defended environment, the capability to deliver precision munitions, flexibility to undertake mixed manned and unmanned missions, and simultaneously integrate with a host of data link sensors to create an extremely high level of situational awareness, which will be the key to winning any future conflicts, he observed.

He noted that glide bombs with higher accuracy and payloads are the need of the hour, while they are also focusing on loitering munitions which can loiter, identify the target, and control the direction of the impact.

Air-to-ground missiles are considered an expensive proposition as they hinge on good seekers, complicated onboard navigation systems, and other components that increase their accuracy, he said and added that in the ongoing conflicts in Europe and the Middle East, precision-guided munitions provided significant value to the air forces.

New China map, dominance of seas: India must relook strategies

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru:

India calling itself 'Republic of Bharat', though its Constitution allows it, is not a good move and is making China happy, said Dr Patrick Mendis, author, former American diplomat and former visiting professor, Chengchi and Peking University.

He said the Indian Ocean is the only ocean in the world that is named after a country. Instead of calling it Indian Ocean, China is trying to rename it after itself. Pakistan, Indonesia and the Maldives also scorn the name of Indian Ocean, he told TNIE on the sidelines of the discussion, The Future of the Indian Ocean, at the the 9th Synergia conclave in the city on Sunday.

India needs to take a look at its strategies and formulate multiple approaches. It must also take a closer look at the new map of China, which includes Arunachal Pradesh and Ladakh. It already has East and South China Sea and is now looking at West China Sea.

Mendis said China already terms Sri Lanka as its "little brother". To have better control of the seas, India is building a port in Colombo, after which India's exports from Colombo will strengthen. However, the border issues will be perpetual and keep India restless.

Adding to this, Jayadeva Ranade, member, National Security Advisory Board (NSAB) and president of Centre for China Analysis and Strategy said India will occupy a pivotal position and not buckle under any circumstances.

Ranade said China is building 90 ports and has also built 40 in Africa. It has two ports in Pakistan and calls Karachi port its "base port", and the one in Sri Lanka as its "logistics port". India needs to strengthen its border areas.

On the issue of dam control and pressure on Brahmaputra river from China, Devendra Kumar Sharma, NSAB member, said to counter this threat, India needs to have two strategies -- development of resources in Arunachal Pradesh, and development of resources and infrastructure to harness hydro power in Arunachal Pradesh. Along with strengthening its forces in the border area, India also needs to create a water storage resource in Brahmaputra river.

'India can play crucial role in mitigating wars'

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

INDIA should exercise global leadership to stave off the third wave war situation. The nation should act as a mediator, negotiator and facilitator to resolve conflicts, said Rohan Gunaratna, Professor of Security Studies, S Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Singapore.

He said after the 9/11 Al-Qaida attack on the US, the world saw a range of attacks in places like Bali, Madrid, London, among others. Similarly, after terror attacks in 2014, we saw terrorists entering other countries, leading to a second wave of attacks. Now, India needs to intervene to ensure there is no third wave of attacks after the Israel-Hamas situation.

Speaking to TNIE on the sidelines of the three-day ninth Synergia Conclave, he said External Affairs Minister Subramanyam Jaishankar, and National Security Adviser Ajit Doval must work to resolve conflicts with China and Qatar at the earliest, to strengthen its ties with other countries. They must build a common database, exchange personnel between governments, enforce law, military and intelligence, build joint trading operations, share intelligence resources and technology as well as experience and expertise. World leaders like India, Russia, US and China should work together to resolve global problems.

Almaimouni Ahmed Ali, director of Research and Studies Centre, at the Rasanah Institute in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, said the whole world is looking at what Israel is doing. The death of civilians is now raising questions not just on the acts of Hamas, but even of Israel. The biggest fear is that the war may not stop, which calls for other countries to engage in this situation.

KSRTC staff demand to clear pending salary arrears

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The Joint Action Committee (JAC) of KSRTC trade unions met Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy and urged him to clear their pending salary arrears. To draw the attention of the government towards their demands, the JAC will hold a protest on Dec 6, during Karnataka's winter session at Belagavi.

President of the KSRTC Staff and Workers Federation, Anantha Subba Rao, who leads the JAC said that the previous BJP government had ordered a wage hike of 15 percent effective from January 2020. "However, the pending wage hike arrears of up to 38 months have not been cleared yet. "Meanwhile, in this period many employees have retired, some have opted for retirement, some have also passed away. There is no clarity on the pay revision for these employees."

In their letter dated Nov 17, handed over to the minister, Rao said, "For the success of the state government's ambitious Shakti scheme, we extended our full support from the federation, and will continue our support. However, the financial condition of all four bus corporations (KSRTC, BMTC, KKRTC and NWKRTC) has worsened due to many reasons."

Apart from clearing their pending salary dues, the federation also urged that the zero ticket cost under the Shakti scheme be disbursed to the bus corporations immediately, and that the bus corporations hold meetings with the employee unions to address the issues faced by the workers.

In their letter addressed to KSRTC MD Anbu Kumar, the JAC stated that the conductors are under tremendous pressure to implement the Shakti scheme. The federation members said that instead of praising the conductors for implementing the scheme successfully they are being transferred, and suspended from service. They said that women who buy zero tickets to a destination get down before their stop and during the inspection, conductors are targeted. The federation insisted that body cams must be used during the inspection, and the camera visuals should be a mandatory part of the report.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

20TH November: Do you know how many other planets with intelligent civilisations like ours there are in the universe? Scientists say it's three hundred and sixty-one. Or anywhere between that and thirty thousand! By the way, by 'intelligent' we mean the ability to make and use radio transmitters. Mind you, that might make us intelligent, but not necessarily wise!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
What a day! It's very much a case of the irresistible force meeting the immovable object. Don't feel badly if plans don't work out. But don't blame the stars, either - or other people for that matter. You see, if you tackle the details, you'll win through.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
Your nomadic tendencies are growing more insistent by the day, and Taureans who are taking time off this week are fortunate indeed. If you're at home, you must find ways to spice up your existence. A new interest could take hold, but you do need to think big.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
If you're a typical Gemini of the old school you'll be in your element this week. There'll be disagreements, debates and differences of opinion galore - and plenty of opportunities for you to get your spoke in. But listen to your dreams - they make more sense than the facts.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Your stars are entering another of those delightful alignments which encourage your hopes and stimulate your imagination. It's all down to the Moon's imminent and intriguing encounter with the Sun; it looks as if destiny is picking you out for special treatment.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
This week's trends reinforce everything that was said about your chart last week. Your stars confirm that you are in an idealistic and selfless mood, though confusion is likely to creep in whenever the nebulous planet, Neptune, comes into play - and that's about every other day.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
You are still in the driving seat, although you should begin to tie up all loose ends. I'd like to remind you that at work it's who you know and not what you know that's important. You should therefore get on and cultivate personal contacts, much as this may go against the Virgoan grain.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
The present is still slightly confused, but the future is coming fast - so get ready. Everything has to be faced with confidence. You really cannot bury your head in the sand any longer, and only Librans who act decisively, and with self-confidence, will come through intact and in control.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
It's a time for lofty ideals and noble sentiments. Just don't be so pompous and self-righteous that others are turned off! Leave financial initiatives until the middle to end of the week, for it seems that there may still be other circumstances to consider.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
Once again money and financial security are the issues of the week. I hope I will encourage you by pointing out the truly stupendous prospects for gain and profit that await the canny among you. You'll help your cause if you loosen up your thinking processes and consider new ideas - however unusual.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
One group of planets is attempting to knock you sideways while another struggles to hold you upright. It is not surprising that you feel buffeted by the winds of change. In fact, it is quite natural that you should. Your romantic mood is shifting, and over the next month you'll need to feel more secure.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
There's plenty of room for you to bring out your famous Aquarian radicalism this week and show people just what an anarchist you are. Yet, complex factors indicate that you're more likely to be a secret revolutionary, prepared to consider sweeping changes in your lifestyle.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
You are in an extremely strong position. Your secret is your flexibility - and your astonishing ability to adjust to changing circumstances. You'll alter one or two of your key ambitions and you'll also be changing some of your deeply-entrenched attitudes.

Solutions to Saturday's puzzle

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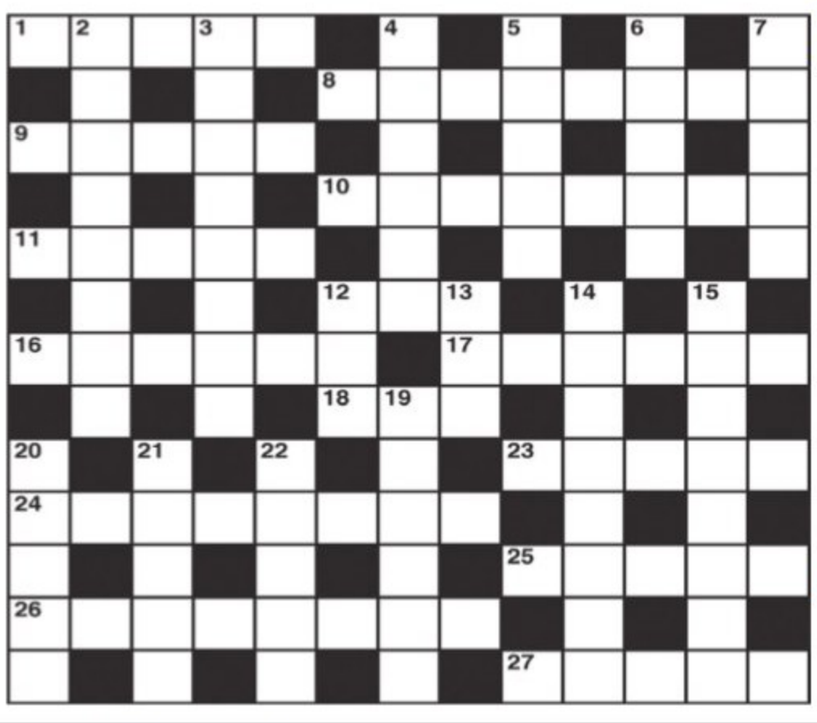
SUDOKU HARD

TEST YOUR NUMBER CRUNCHING SKILL WITH OUR UNIQUE PUZZLE

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.



CROSS WORD

ACROSS
1 Criticism upsets Mabel (5)
8 Excellent act deserving an encore (4,4)
9 Keep away; there's nothing to get greedy about (5)
10 Hold a show trial (8)
11 Unusually staid entrances (5)
12 A quiet work in the charts? Probably not! (3)
16 Object I've put into the salad (6)
17 News about wine (6)
18 I turn out otherwise in Brazil (3)
23 One keeping careful watch in misuse of sugar (5)
24 This sort of clue is included in the French game (8)
25 A blow for Conservatives (5)
26 Rows about stray dogs (8)
27 Three animals in the lead (5)

DOWN
2 Romance over for sweetheart (5,3)
3 Claim is not commonly seen in the main (8)
4 Additionally morose maybe (4,2)
5 A summer snake (5)
6 Change of route that means deviating from normal (5)
7 Table of contents gets Enid upset and cross (5)
12 For each childless person (3)
13 Not against a professional (3)
14 It proves wildly frolicsome (8)
15 Should doctors go around in very dry periods? (8)
19 New rents I introduce (6)
20 South American flower of unusual petal design (5)
21 Cut a number (5)
22 Concrete idols get shattered (5)

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Lock-keeper, 6 Fine, 10 Green, 11 Greetings, 12 Straight, 13 Lures, 15 Strewed, 17 Reactor, 19 Custard, 21 Nitrate, 22 Offal, 24 Sick list, 27 Offensive, 28 Irony, 29 Yo-yo, 30 Aggregates.

Down: 1 Logs, 2 Creatures, 3 Kenya, 4 Engaged, 5 Erector, 7 Inner, 8 Easy Street, 9 Stalwart, 14 Psychology, 16 Weak link, 18 Transport, 20 Dashing, 21 Nuclear, 23 Fifty, 25 Lying, 26 Eyes.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

MGATU

NEESS

COSILA

NBAREN

This is just the beginning. When these take off, I'll be hiring staff and creating updated versions.
You're the definition of driven.
NOAH WEBSTER TOOK THE SELLING OF HIS DICTIONARIES VERY SERIOUSLY AND ---
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: GAUZE HIKER OBLONG SINFUL
Answer: Benny's show lasted for many years because so many people thought it was — "HILL-ARIOUS"

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The dejected Indian players after the loss to Australia in the final of the World Cup in Ahmedabad on Sunday | AGENCIES

Preparations for vertical drilling underway as rescue work continues after collapse of a portion of the under-construction tunnel in Uttarkashi district | PTI

Rescue of trapped workers in two days if all goes well: Gadkari

NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

AFTER a week of failed rescue efforts in Uttarkashi, the government is back to the drawing board on how to bring out the trapped 41 labourers.

The government is now looking at five options for rescue of the labourers. Union road transport and highways minister Nitin Gadkari visited the accident site on Sunday. Two foreign experts in engineering and micro-tunneling have also reached the venue to help in with the rescue work. Five PSUs have been roped in for assistance with specific responsibilities.

The workers are trapped in an area of 8.5 metres in height and spread over two kilometers, Gadkari said. This section of the tunnel has been reinforced with concrete to ensure safety of the labourers and it is equipped with electricity and water, he added. The government is looking to send in robots to see if another pipe for life support could be pushed through it, Disaster Management Secretary Ranjit Kumar Sinha told reporters in Silkyara.

A road to the top of the hill has been laid for digging a vertical shaft down into the tunnel. Tehri Hydroelectric Development Corporation is set to begin micro tunneling from the Barkot end of the under-construction tunnel. RVNL will work on the vertical pipeline for supplying essential items from the top of the hill.

"Preparations are underway to restart the auger machine and resume drilling and pipe-laying at the tunnel," Gadkari said.

The minister said the auger machine had worked well through the soft soil but there were vibrations in the tunnel when it encountered a hard object. This posed a danger to the safety of the rescue workers, he added.

"Though I am no technical expert, in the given circumstances, horizontal digging seems the best option. If the auger machine does not encounter any obstacles it might reach the trapped workers in two-and-a-half days."

IMPHAL AIRPORT

Mysterious flying object halts flight operations

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @Guwahati

A mysterious object in the sky forced Imphal's Bir Tikendrajit International Airport to suspend flight operations for nearly four hours on Sunday. The object was spotted in the airspace above the airport around 2.30 pm and was visible till around 4.30 pm. The Air Force and the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) were immediately alerted.

Flight operations resumed at 6.20 pm after the Air Force scanned the airspace and gave a clearance. A clearance was also received from the DGCA.

Airport's director Chipemmi Keishing told this newspaper that the object could be seen with bare eyes. "Due to sighting of an unidentified flying object within Imphal controlled airspace, two flights have been diverted and three departing flights have been delayed," he said. "We don't know whether it was a drone, UFO, or something else," Keishing said. "As per the standard operating procedure, flight operation has to be stopped if any unidentified object is seen flying around an airport. So, all arrivals and departures were closed," he said. The object was flying at a high altitude and was not within the shooting range from the ground, Keishing added.

The diverted flight included an Indigo flight from Kolkata which was initially instructed "to hold overhead" and was diverted to Guwahati after 25 minutes.

Aussies march with World Cup trophy after Rohit and Co falter in the final hurdle

NIGHTMARE FOR DREAM 11

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @Ahmedabad

WATCHING live sport in India is different for a number of reasons. One, the nature of the crowd is a good barometer to understand which way the match is headed. If India are losing, the silence hits you like a ton of bricks. At half-past-three on Sunday afternoon, there was an eerie sort of uncomfortable silence amid more than 90,000. In the middle, Virat Kohli and KL Rahul were involved in a fine, if slightly slow, rebuilding job on a surface devoid of pace.

It was the sort of silence the Indian team hadn't felt since their World Cup began on October 8. Chennai, New Delhi, Lucknow... Kolkata, they had spread joy. For nine hours on all 10 matchdays preceding the final, they had made tens of thousands fall in love all over again. They had the buy in. Now, they were taking the country on an emotional journey. An epic was being composed.

That journey was stopped at the altar by a familiar team, wearing a familiar colour. Australia's canary yellow.

A target of 241 may have been enough on some days but not on this day of days. Up against a battle-hardened team full of winners, the hosts came up short. Jasprit Bumrah, like he has so often done, bowled a couple of magic balls to give the hosts a sniff.

But it wasn't to be as the mercurial Travis Head combined with the fidgety but assured Marnus Labuschagne to take them home with six wickets to spare. That sort of uncomfortable silence — vast swathes of Australia's innings may have well been played at a funeral — enveloped the Stadium by the end. "To sea a blue of everywhere, it's an experience you will never forget," skipper Pat Cummins said after the game.

"The good thing is they weren't noisy for much of it." Ouch!

While some of the silence was understandable, the brand of cricket this team has played will be remembered for years to come. Sure, the tag of 'losing finalists' will hurt all of them. It ought to but this was a campaign where they entertained, won big games at a canter while embracing a more modern batting approach. A few may opt to question why Rohit Sharma played a rash shot against Glenn Maxwell so soon after scoring 10 off the first two balls in the over, but that's missing the point. It was the method that had taken India to the final. There will be postmortems to understand why that big ICC crown continues to elude them — in fact, it's not a good look when you have gone without one for 10 years while commanding more than 75% of the total wealth of the sport — but there's no shame in losing after you have given your all. That's all you can ask for. After Maxwell hit the winning runs, a few of the Indian players slumped to the ground. A glorious dream had died a painful death. The theatre of dreams had turned into the theatre of tears.

On Sunday morning, Ahmedabad woke up with promise. As the lights were switched off deep into the early winter night 16 hours later, the mood music was of eerie silence. P13

ICC MEN'S CRICKET WORLD CUP INDIA 2023

I mean the result hasn't gone our way and we know that we were not good enough on the day. But proud of the team. It wasn't supposed to be. Honestly, 20-30 runs would've been good

Rohit Sharma, India captain

It was awesome to play and the passion in India is unrivaled. You just got to go and win a World Cup. You can't wait for it. It was a shift after two games. Will remember this for a long time

Pat Cummins, Australia captain

It was tough to see them (players) as a coach. Having spent so much time with them, known them personally. I'm sure the Sun will come up tomorrow morning and we will move on

Rahul Dravid, India head coach

WIZARDS OF OZ-TRALIA

In the end, it turned out to be a good toss to win for Aussie skipper Pat Cummins. They restricted in-form India to 240 and came back to overhaul the target with Travis Head hitting a ton with six wickets in hand. Here are some highlights...

SKIPPER LEADS FROM THE FRONT

Cummins had said that they wanted to silence a lakh people. On Sunday they did manage when Glenn Maxwell removed Rohit Sharma. When Shreyas Iyer came in, Cummins bowled a fuller delivery to induce a nick and later got Virat Kohli's wicket. The Australian captain rotated his bowlers well and the team fielded brilliantly on the field to plug holes in the ground and restrict India

TRAVIS THE TALISMAN

There is a reason why Australia did not opt for a Travis Head replacement. They knew what he can do up front and after taking a blinder to get rid of Sharma, Head showed why he is considered irreplaceable with the bat. He took on Jasprit Bumrah, Mohd Shami, waited and launched spinners into the stands on his way to 137. He added 192 in the company of Marnus Labuschagne for the fourth wicket. Dew in the evening too helped

Qatar: Close to striking a deal to free hostages

AGENCIES

ONLY "minor practical issues" stand in the way of securing a deal to free the hostages taken by Hamas during its October 7 attack on Israel, Qatar's Prime Minister Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani said on Sunday.

"The challenges that remain in the negotiations are very minor compared to the bigger challenges, they are more logistical, they are more practical," Al Thani said during a press conference on Sunday.

"I think that I'm now more confident that we are close enough to reach a deal that can bring the people safely back to their homes," he said. Though Israel has not confirmed that a deal has been reached, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was quoted as saying by *The Times of Israel* that "we're doing the utmost to bring back the most possible, including in stages, and we are united on this".

DAY OF THE SUN

Devotees offer 'arghya' to the Sun God on Sunday on Chhath puja at JP Park in Yeshwantpur in Bengaluru | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

EXPRESS READ

Will retire from politics if charges proven: CM

Bengaluru: The war of words between CM Siddaramaiah and state JDS chief HD Kumaraswamy over the issue of "cash for transfer" refuses to die down, with the former on Sunday saying that he will retire from politics if proven that he has taken money even in a single transfer of officials. P6

Bills: SC to hear pleas of TN, Kerala today

New Delhi: The Supreme Court will hear on Monday two pleas of the Tamil Nadu and Kerala governments, alleging a delay by the state governors in giving assent to bills passed by the Assemblies. A bench of Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and Justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra will hear the pleas.

22 fishers freed after Sitharaman intervenes

Chennai: Just a day after their arrest, 22 fishermen from Rameswaram were released by the Sri Lankan government on Sunday following intervention of Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. The fishermen were arrested and two boats seized by SL Navy for alleged violation of the IMBL.

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On Monday, SC will hear a plea alleging delay on the Centre's part in clearing the names recommended by the collegium for appointment of judges | P9

Live wire kills woman, baby in city, 5 Bescom staff suspended

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

A 23-year-old woman and her nine-month-old baby were electrocuted after they came in contact with a live wire in Kadugodi police limits in the city on Sunday morning.

The incident occurred when the victim, Soundarya, and her husband Santhosh Kumar, residents of AKG Colony, were walking near Hope Farm Junction along with their baby Suviksha.

Dr Shivakumar Gunare, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Whitefield), said Soundarya was carrying Suviksha when she came in contact with the live wire around 6am. Santhosh Kumar, however, escaped after suffering a severe electric shock.

Sources in the Police Department said snapped optical fibre cables (OFC) on the footpaths in the area have not been cleared. Soundarya might have stepped on the live wire assuming it to be an OFC.

The bodies have been shifted to Vydehi Hospital in Whitefield for postmortem, the police said.

One of their family members told *TNIE* that Santhosh Kumar was carrying their luggage while Soundarya was following him holding Suviksha in her arms. Soundarya and Suviksha

Soundarya and her daughter Suviksha

got electrocuted when she brushed against a tree branch on which the live electric cable had fallen.

"Around five of our family members rushed to the junction. We saw the bodies of Soundarya and her baby burning. Passersby were busy recording the incident on their cellphones, but none rushed to help the victims nor called the police. We called the police, but they did not arrive till 7am. Eight police personnel and a water tanker arrived at the spot later," Soundarya's cousin sister Malleshwari said, adding that the bodies were charred beyond recognition.

"Soundarya was my only daughter. Kumar and Soundarya knew each other and they got married three years ago. She celebrated Suviksha's first Deepawali at Cuddalore in Tamil Nadu and was returning home to prepare for her second PU exam," Soundarya's mother Rajeshwari said.

The Kadugodi police have registered a case of causing death by negligence against five Bescom employees.

Meanwhile, Bescom issued an order suspending the five staffers for dereliction of duty and issued show cause notices to two senior officers.

The suspended employees are assistant executive engineer of E-4 Subdivision Subramanya T, assistant engineer of E-4 Subdivision Chetan S, junior engineer of E-4 Subdivision Rajanna, junior powerman Manjunath Revanna and lineman Basavaraju.

Rs 5 lakh compensation: P4

Three from Mysuru drown in KRS backwaters

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Mysuru

THREE persons drowned in the backwaters of the KRS reservoir in Srirangapatna taluk on Sunday.

The police gave the names of the deceased as Harish (32), Nanjunda (18) and Jyothi (18). While Harish was a staff member of the Mysuru-based NGO Karunya Mane Trust, Nanjunda and Jyothi were its inmates.

Twenty-five members from Karunya Mane, a shelter for homeless children, went to the KRS backwaters for a picnic. After visiting the Venugopalaswamy Temple there, they started playing in the backwaters when the trio drowned.

A police team from Srirangapatna led by DySP Murali rushed to the spot and recovered the bodies of Nanjunda and Jyothi with the help of fire force personnel and some expert swimmers.

The bodies were shifted to the KR Hospital in Mysuru for postmortem. Efforts were on to retrieve the body of Harish, the police said.

Indian Railways' South Star Rail has announced its next departure as a 'Vibrant Gujarat Special Yatra'. It will embark on a journey for 12 days from December 10-21. The train from Kochuveli will travel through various sacred shrines, temples and India's rich cultural sites

Whitefield citizens fume over electrocution

'We insisted on removing overhead cables to reduce accidents, but officials made little progress'

NAMRATA SINDWANI @Bengaluru

BENGALUREANS are raging, yet again, at the apathy of officials and political parties towards citizens, after a 23-year-old woman and her baby were electrocuted in Whitefield, early Sunday morning.

Whitefield citizens were fuming with anger, saying they were scared for their children and family members wandering freely around the area. The condition of footpaths along the cable menace is such that they have no choice formally, but a walk on the streets instead of the designated spaces for walking.

The Whitefield Rising group also questioned, "How could a live wire be just hanging?" They added that Hope Farm is one of the busiest junctions in Whitefield, with thousands of people walking, waiting to catch a bus or walking to the Metro station. It also demanded strict action against those responsible for the brutal deaths.

Ramesh Shivanna, chairman, Energy Committee, Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce and Society (FKCCI), said they had insisted that overhead cables be removed to reduce accidents, but officials have made very little progress. Calling it a political feud, he added that lack of maintenance leads to such incidents. In certain places, underground cables have to be brought up to be connected to designated spaces. Those places, in particular, pose a major threat to citizens as they have a live current of upto 11,000 volts. Lack of proper maintenance of these spots, and clearance of hanging cables has resulted in inconvenience to citizens and even death in certain cases.

Despite multiple efforts taken to raise the issue with Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and Bescom officials, no improvement has been made towards managing cables so far, citizens complained.

Ashok Mruthunjaya, Aam Aadmi Party's (AAP) Mahadevapura president, posted on X, "This is sheer negligence from @NammaBESCOM. Last year, there was a 23-year-old young lady who got electrocuted in Tubarahalli. Still they have not learnt the lesson. No value for human life." He urged Deputy CM DK Shivakumar and Mahadevapura MLA Manjula Aravind Limbavali to take strict action against the officials.

'Save my child'

Soundarya called her cousin around 5.30am to inform her that they will reach home in 10 minutes. She asked her to keep hot milk ready for her daughter. Within a few minutes, Santosh Kumar called asking us to rush to Hope Farm Junction. On the call, I could hear Soundarya crying and pleading to save her baby. Kumar, who attempted to save them, suffered a severe electric shock and could not move, according to Soundarya's cousin Bhavani.

SNAPPED OFC CABLES

Meanwhile, Hope Farm residents complained that no action has been taken to clear the snapped OFC cables from the footpaths in the area. "We have lost two lives. We couldn't do anything. What if the same happens to someone else? Life is precious," Soundarya's cousin brother said.

Min George announces ₹5L compensation

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NOTICES were issued to superintendent engineer of East Circle Lokesh Babu and executive engineer of Whitefield division Sriramu.

In a press note, Bescom stated that F-9 (feeder) of the BPL feeder of Kadugodi tripped at 3.50am and the same was charged at 3.55am. The victims came in contact with an 11KV snapped conductor that fell on the footpath near Hope Farm Junction and were electrocuted.

Power Minister KJ George said that an inquiry has been ordered into the tragedy at Hope Farm Junction. The state government will give Rs 5 lakh each as compensation to the kin of the victims.

AGRI FETE

People visit the annual Krishi Mela 2023 at GKVK in Bengaluru on Sunday | EXPRESS

EXPRESS READ

Tusker tramples woman to death in S'patna

Mysuru: A 50-year-old woman was trampled to death by a tusker at Lalanakere village in Srirangapatna taluk on Sunday. Police said Sakamma, a agriculture labourer, died in the elephant attack. The incident occurred at around 8 am when around 10 women labourers were busy working in the agriculture field belonging to a farmer from Pihalli village.

Retired cop loses Rs 1.2L while digitally renewing life certificate

RISHITA KHANNA @Bengaluru

A retired police officer was defrauded of Rs 1.27 lakh after his son shared his government documents to renew his life certificate, a biometric-enabled service provided to government employees to continue receiving pension benefits.

To renew the life certificate digitally, the victim approached his bank following which the accused, posing as a bank employee, contacted him. Under the pretense of assisting, the accused requested the victim's government ID details and swindled Rs 1.27 lakh.

Rohith KS, 37, a yoga instructor said, "My father, Shivaswamy S, a retired police officer, is a heart patient. I contacted the bank where my father's account is linked and even visited the bank in Byatarayanapura following which they provided me with a number and link. I dialled the number provided by the bank and selected a time slot to provide ID details. I booked my slots around 8-9 times and consistently received a message promising a call back from the bank but did not get a callback."

On Friday, Rohith received a call on his father's phone.

"The woman who called told that she's from my bank and offered assistance in renewing my father's life certificate. As I was trying to book the slots, I believed it to be a legitimate call and shared government ID details. I then received a text with an OTP from my bank. Since the message had my bank name mentioned, I shared the OTP to go ahead with the procedures. Within no time, the entire bank balance was debited," Rohith said.

"My parents are unwell and that was our only savings," he added. Byatarayanapura police have registered a case.

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RO No. 1141 Date: 18.11.2023

CORRIGENDUM-I

In reference to Tender No. 15e/EE(G)/CPH/2023-24 forSITC of 220 KV XLPE Armoured Power Cable with all accessories including dismantling of the existing 220 KV Oil Filled Cable at 4X60 MW Chibro Power House, In section-1 "Instructions to tenderers and eligibility Criteria" Clause 31, Bank A/C No. & IFS code shall be read as:

1. Bank A/C No. : 0639002100001255
2. IFS Code : PUNB0093010

All other condition shall be same as previous. Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal "http://uktenders.gov.in"

EE(G),Chibro

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MANGALORE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED
(Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
O & M Circle, Shimoga - 577203
Ph: 08182-270449. CIN: U40109 KA 2002 SGC 030425

No: SEE/EE(O)/AEE(O)/SMG/23-24/64201 Date: 02.11.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION

MESCOM invites tender for the following works under Total Turn-Key basis in Shivamogga Circle. The interested eligible bidders may log on to website www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in on or after 20.11.2023 for more information.

Sl. No.	Work Details	Category
1.	Formation of new11 kV Express Holemaruru Feeder from 110/11 kV Chandragutti MUSS to Andavalli Village in Chandragutti section, Soraba SubDivision, Sagara Division.	OTHERS
2.	Formation of 11 kV Induvalli express feeder from 110/11 kV Sanda MUSS to Hesari Village in Ulavi Section Soraba Subdivision, Sagara Division.	OTHERS
3.	Formation of new 11 kV Vidyanagar express feeder link from Mannatti cross to Vidyanagar Village in Chandragutti section, Soraba Subdivision, Sagara Division.	ST
4.	Formation of new 11 kV Express Ankaravalli Feeder from 110/11 kV Chandragutti MUSS to Ankaravalli Village, Chandragutti Section, Soraba Sub dividion, Saraga Division.	SC
5.	Formation of new 11 KV express Balasagodu Feeder from 110/11 kV Sagara MUSS by using AB Cable and Rabbit ACSR in Sagar Rural Section, Sagara Rural Sub division, Sagara Division.	OTHERS
6.	Running 11 kV Link Line from 110/11 kV Shiralakoppa MUSS to Jagavatti Circle Mallur IP limit, Shiralakoppa Rural Section, Shiralakoppa Sub Division, Shikaripura Division.	SC

Sd/- Superintending Engineer, (Elecl)., O&M Circle, Shimoga

For Power Related Complaints & Assistance Call Toll Free Number 1912

PUBLIC NOTICE

TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN

My client is negotiating to purchase the Composite Schedule Property from 1) Smt. K.MAMATHA BHONSLE,Aged about 43 years,Daughter of R.Krishnaji Rao, Wife of Sri. Muralidhar Rao J Bhonsle, Residing at No.30 Vrushadri, Pearl Paradise Layout, Kempapura, Bangalore North, Bangalore-560037, 2) Sri. K.BHASKAR RAO, Aged about 52 years, Son of R.Krishnaji Rao, 3)Smt. ANUSUYA BAI, aged 76 years, Wife of R.Krishnaji Rao, 4)Sri.K. SRINIVAS RAO, aged 54 years, Son of R.Krishnaji Rao, 2 to 4 are residing at No.1178, Sri Krishna Nilaya, 16th Main Road, Beside Indian Bank, BTM 2nd Stage, Bangalore South, Bangalore-560076,who have represented that they are having clear and marketable title over the Composite Schedule Property.

Any persons claiming to have any right or claims or objection, may lodge their objections or claim along with supporting documents with the undersigned within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice.

If no such objection or claims is received within the prescribed time, my clients will proceed to complete the transaction. If any objection and claim is lodged beyond the prescribed period it shall not be reckoned and it shall be deemed that all objections and claims by whomsoever are waived.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ITEM No.I - All that piece and parcel of Front Portion of Property bearing No.1178, PID.No.65-27-1178, situated at 2nd Stage, 1st Phase, BTM Layout, Bangalore, presently as per BBMP records New No.1178/1, BTM 2nd Stage, 1st Phase, Rashtrakavi Kuvempu Nagara, BTM 2nd Stage, BTM Layout, Bangalore, Ward No.65, Ward Name.BTM Layout, (as per Tax Paid Receipt Ward No.176, Ward Name. BTM Layout), measuring East to West 21 Feet 6 Inches and North to South 31 Feet, together with Ground Floor commercial building measuring 611 Square Feet and First Floor measuring 600 Square Feet and exclusive staircase leading to the First Floor, situated on the southern side of above referred property and bounded on the:-

East by : Portion of the same property gifted to Sri.K.Bhaskar Rao
West by: Road.
North by: Passage/ portico leading to the property gifted toSri.K.Bhaskar Rao
South by: Property bearing No.1179.

ITEM No.II - All that piece and parcel of Residential Ground Floor Portion of property bearing No.1178, PID.No.65-27-1178, situated at 2nd Stage, 1st Phase, BTM Layout, Bangalore, presently as per BBMP records No.1178, BTM 2nd Stage, 1st Phase, Rashtrakavi Kuvempu Nagara, BTM 2nd Stage, BTM Layout, Bangalore, Ward No.65, Ward Name.BTM Layout, (as per Tax Paid Receipt Ward No.176, Ward Name. BTM Layout), measuring East to West 38 Feet 6 Inches and North to South 40 Feet, consisting of a hall, two bed rooms, dining hall, kitchen, Pooja room, bath room and a toilet, together with a Passage/ portico, situated on the North-West side of the above referred property measuring East to West 24 Feet 9 Inches and North to South 8 Feet 9 Inches, exclusively for ingress and egress of Sri.K.Bhaskar Rao and bounded on the :-

East by: Property bearing No.1165
West by: Portion of the same property gifted to Smt.Mamatha Bhonsle
North by :Property bearing No.1177
South by :Property bearing No.1179

COMPOSITE SCHEDULE PROPERTY

(After clubbing Item No. I and II of the above referred property)

All that piece and parcel of Immovable Property bearing Site No.1178, PID.No.65-27-1178 and 65-27-1178/1, situated at 2nd Stage, 1st Phase, BTM Layout, Bangalore, presently as per BBMP records No.1178 and 1178/1, BTM 2nd Stage, 1st Phase, Rashtrakavi Kuvempu Nagara, BTM 2nd Stage, BTM Layout, Bangalore Ward No.65, Ward Name.BTM Layout, (as per Tax Paid Receipt Ward No.176, Ward Name. BTM Layout), measuring East to West 60 Feet and North to South 40 Feet, consisting of Ground Floor Residential building in the rear portion and Ground and First Floor with commercial building in the Front portion, and bounded on the:

East by : Property bearing No.1165 **West by :** Road
North by : Property bearing No.1177 **South by:** Property bearing No.1179.

Bangalore
Date: 18-11-2023

B. Srinivas Advocate
"SUNDERA RAMA" No.230, 39th 'C' Cross, 9th Main, 5th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560041. 9900148162, 919341194411 srinivasadvocate@gmail.com

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KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No. 903/SEE/Tr(W&M)/CIVIL/23-24/CYS-29 Date: 18.11.2023

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION (KPP Portal Only)

KPTCL invites bids for **Station improvement civil engineering works** coming under the jurisdiction of Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Hubballi.

The detailed notification regarding the works called through the **"Karnataka Public Procurement Portal"** mode can be obtained by logging on to KPPP website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** Other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- **Superintending Engineer (Ele), Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Vidyuth Nagar, Karwar Road, Hubballi-580024. Ph: 0836-2203094.**

PHOENIX ARC PRIVATE LIMITED
REGD. OFFICE: DAWN CORPORATE PARK, 5TH FLOOR, 158, C.S.T. ROAD, KALINA, SANTACRUZ (E), MUMBAI - 400098.
TEL: 022-6741 2304, FAX: 022-6741 2312 CIN: U67190MH2007PTC168930 Email: info@phoenixarc.co.in website: www.phoenixarc.co.in

ONLINE E - AUCTION SALE OF ASSET

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction sale notice for sale of immovable assets under the securitisation and reconstruction of financial assets and enforcement of security interest act, 2002 under rule 8(5) read with proviso to rule 9 (1) of the security interest (enforcement) rule, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the borrower (s) and guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the secured creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the authorised officer of Phoenix Arc Pvt. Ltd. (trustee of phoenix trust fy 20-6) on 27.06.2023, pursuant to assignment of debt in its favour by Bajaj Finance Limited (bfl) , will be sold on **"as is where is", "as is what is", and "whatever there is"** on 21.12.2023 between 12:00 pm to 01:00 pm with unlimited extension of 5 minutes, for recovery of Rs. 57,62,980/- (Rupees fifty seven lakh sixty two thousand nine hundred and eighty only) outstanding as on 25.10.2023 with applicable contractual interest till realization, under the **Loan Account No. 404SHL09631850**, due to the parc secured creditor from Mr. Leeladhar K R (borrower). The reserve price will be Rs. 1,03,00,000/- (Rupees one crore three lakhs only) and the earnest money deposit will be Rs. 10,30,000/- (Rupees ten lakh thirty thousand only) & last date of submission of emd with kyc is 20.12.2023 up to 7:00 P.M. (IST.)

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:- All That Piece And Parcel Of Residential Site Bearing No.458, Duly Approved By The Bangalore Development Authority Vide Resolution No.120/2005 Dated 26.02.2005 And Formed By Railwaymens House Building Co Operative Society Limited In The Land Bearing Survey No.75,76 And 78 Situated At Malithahalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, Now Comes Under Jurisdiction Of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Rajarajeshwarinagar Sub Range Ward No.129, Bbmp Khatha No.458, New Pid No.130-w0459-5 Bounded On East By - Site No.457, West By- Site No.459,, North By - Road, and South By - Private Property Layout Road. **Name Of The Mortgagor :- Mr. Leeladhar K R**

Borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of sub section 8 of section 13, of the act, in respect of the time available, to redeem the secured asset. Public in general and borrowers in particular please take notice that if in case auction scheduled herein fails for any reason whatsoever then securedcreditor may enforce security interest by way of sale through public auction. In case of any clarification/requirement regarding secured assets under sale, bidder may contact **Mr. Murali (+91 8792504468), Mr. Vijay Kumar Menon (+91 9940572248) & Mr. Rajender Dahiya (+91 8448264515)**

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link https://phoenixarc.co.in/?p=4594provided in phoenix arc private limited's website i.e. www.phoenixarc.co.in and/or on https://bankauctions.in/

Place: Bangalore
Date: 20.11.2023

Authorised Officer For PHOENIX ARC PRIVATE LIMITED (Acting As A Trustee Of Phoenix Trust Fy20-6 Scheme C)

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that our client **Mr. Santhosh .V**, S/o K. Venkatappa, R/at No.431, F-2, NSR Apartment, 5th Cross, 5th Main, HRBR Layout 2nd Block, Kalyan Nagara, Bengaluru – 560 043 intends to purchase the below mentioned Schedule Properties from Mr.James.A, S/o Late Anthonappa and Mrs.Suguna C.M. W/o Mr.James.A, both residing at No.75, Mother Theresa Road, Mariyappanapalya, H.A.Farm Post, Bengaluru – 560 024. General Public are hereby informed that in case of any objections from anybody from any corner pertaining to this sale transactions are hereby noticed to appear before the below mentioned Advocate's office along with necessary and relevant documents pertaining to the objections if any respectively **within 15 days** from the date of publishing of this Public Notice failing which our client shall proceed with the purchase of the below mentioned Schedule Properties and register the same in his favour at an earliest.

SCHEDULE PROPERTIES

1. All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Northern Portion of Site No. 107 [Out of Site No.107 & 108] in property numbers 9/P9 and 9/P10, Katha No.95/8, Situated at Bileshivale Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, now comes under BBMP Limits, Bengaluru measuring East to West on the Northern Side 61 feet 9 Inches, on the Southern Side 52 Feet North to South 46 Feet in all measuring 2619.7 Square Feet and bounded on the **East by:** 40 Feet Wide Road, **West by:** Site No.108, **North by:** Site Nos.106 & 105 and **South by:** remaining Southern Portion of Same Site No.107.
2. All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Southern Portion of Site No. 107 [Out of Site No.107 & 108] in property numbers 9/P9 and 9/P10, Katha No.95/8, BBMP Sl.No.1191, Situated at Bileshivale Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, now comes under BBMP Limits, Bengaluru, measuring East to West on the Northern Side 52 feet, on the Southern Side 46.7 Feet and North to South 22 Feet in all measuring 1085.7 Square Feet and bounded on the **East by:** 40 Feet Wide Road, **West by:** Site No.108, **North by:** Remaining Northern Portion of same site no.107 belongs to No.1 Sri. James .A. and 2. Mrs. Suguna Suma .C.M and **South by:** Pipeline Road.

DARPAN MUTHURAJ, Advocate
U. SHIVAKUMAR AND ASSOCIATES
No. LC-S-19, 1st Floor, SSB Mutt Complex,Tank Bund Road, K.G. Road, Near Upparapete Police Station, Bengaluru-560 009. Mobile No. +91-9900046383.

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -1 AT BENGALURU
B.S.N.L. BUILDING, 4TH FLOOR, TELEPHONE HOUSE, RAJ BHAVAN ROAD, BENGALURU-560 001.
O.A.NO.304/2022

BETWEEN:
State Bank Of India, SME City Credit Center, Badaganadu Sangha Building, Kumara Park West, Seshadripuram, Bangalore-560020 ...**Applicant**
And:
Sri. N.K.Bhatia, S/o. Satya Paul Bhatia, Prop: M/S. Jagdambe Enterprises, No.21/A, D-S Lane, S.P.Road Cross, Bangalore -560002.
Also at: Sri.N.K.Bhatia, S/o. Satya Paul Bhatia, No. Tj-104, Dharma, 9th Block, "Sai Gardens" Apartments, Seegehalli, Bidarahalli Hobli, Hoskote, Bangalore -560079
Also at: Sri.N.K.Bhatia, S/o. Satya Paul Bhatia, No.201, H.M.Studio, St.Marks Road, Bangalore-560001. ...**Defendant**

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993 BY PAPER PUBLICATION

Whereas the applicant has instituted the application under section 19 of The Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993, against you to repay the applicant bank a sum of **Rs.46,60,823/-** together with current and future interest plus other charges. You are hereby required to show cause within 30 days from the date of the publication or **on 8/4/2024 at 10.30 a.m.** in the forenoon in person or by pleaser/ advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that, in default of your appearance on the day before mentioned, the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of the tribunal on this **6th day of NOVEMBER 2023.**

By order of The Tribunal
Sd/- Registrar
Debt Recovery Tribunal-I, Bangalore

HDFC BANK | एच डी एफ सी बैंक

HDFC Bank Ltd, Ground Floor, Rashtrothana Bhavan, Muncipal No. 3/1, Ward No 77, Nrupathunga Road, Bangalore - 560001.
ANNEXURE—VI (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

Possession Notice

(As per Appendix IV read with rule 8(1) of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the HDFC Bank Ltd., under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice dated **06-06-2023** calling upon the borrowers 1) **Red Shore International Private Limited** 2) **Rasak L V 3) Sabilrasak Madapurayil Abdul Sathar** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 57,06,868.35**(Rupees Fifty Seven lakhs Six Thousand Eight hundred Sixty Eight and thirty five paise only) along with interest, penal interest, costs etc. within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The borrowers, having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers, in particular and the public, in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section 4 of section 13 of the said Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **14th day of Nov 2023.**

The borrower, in particular, and the public, in general, are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the HDFC Bank Ltd, for an amount of **Rs. 57,06,868.35** (Rupees Fifty Seven lakhs Six Thousand Eight hundred Sixty Eight and thirty five paise only) along with interest thereon and penal interest, charges, costs etc. from 06-06-2023 (date of notice).

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Schedule : Description of the Secured Assets

All that Piece and Parcel of resdiential property bearing Sy.Nos. 335/1B,R S No.221/1 Pappinissery Village,Ward II of Kannur Taluk,Kannaur District. East By : Property of Mini, West By : Property of Hamza & Mud Road, North By : Property of Susheela, South By : Road.

Date: 14.11.2023
Place: Bangalore

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PUBLICATION OF NOTICE U/S 13 (2) OF THE SARFAESI ACT

Notice is hereby given that the under mentioned borrower(s)/ guarantor(s)/mortgagor(s) who have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the Overdraft facilities obtained by them from the Bank and whose facility account has been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). The notices were issued to them under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (SARFAESI Act) on their last known addresses but they have been returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of this public notice.

Sr. No.1	Agreement No.: AFH002200529342 and AFH002200431329	Type of Loan : AFH	O/s. As per 13(2) Notice: Rs. 29,51,428.32	NPA Date: 13-09-2023	Notice Date: 15-10-2023

Name of Borrowers, co-borrowers, guarantors, Mortgagors: Mr. R.S Naveen Kumar & Mr. Praveen Anthony R

Details of secured asset - Item-1 - In Oddapalli Dhinna Village of Hosur Taluk attached to the Registration District of Krishnagiri of Krishnagiri District and Sub Registration District of Hosur and also attached village Panchayat Limits of Bagalur Union Council of Hosur. 1.)Survey Number 20/1, Dry. Ext. Hec.0.04.5 (or) Ac. 0.11 cents, Asst.Rs. 0.12 np.(full extent). 2.)Survey Number 23/2A, Dry. Ext. Hec. 1.06.0 (or) Ac.2.62 cents, Asst. Rs. 2.93 np., out of this an extent of Ac .1.62 cents. The Total Extent of Item Nos. 1 and 2 is Ac. 1.73 cents.

Item-2 (Item No. 2 is now forming part of the new sub division Survey No. 23 /2A1, Ext. Hec.0.69.5) as per New Subdivision Survey Number 23/2A1B Dry ext Hec.0.65.5 asst 1.81, this land have been converted into House Sites in the name and style of "Apple City" in Approval HNTDA APPROVAL NO: 59 /2017 Dated 28.12.2017 in which Plot No. 23 within the following boundaries: East: Plot No 22., West: Plot No 24., North: Plot No 8., South: 30'Wide Road., Within these boundaries measuring: East to West on Northern Side 30 Feet., East to West on Southern Side 30 Feet., North to South on Eastern Side 40 Feet., North to South on Western Side 40 Feet. Total 1,200 Square Feet, of vacant house Plots are only covered under this deed of Absolute Sale. This Plot comes in New Sub Division Survey Number 23/2A1B1.

Sr. No.2	Agreement No.: AFH002200498849	Type of Loan : AFH	O/s. As per 13(2) Notice: Rs. 13,25,815.22	NPA Date: 13-09-2023	Notice Date: 18-10-2023

Name of Borrowers, co-borrowers, guarantors, Mortgagors: Mr. Ganesh Tukaram Zanje & Tukaram Mahadev Zanje

Details of secured asset - Item-1 - All that piece and parcel of residentially converted land bearing Survey number.319/2,(converted vide official memorandum number. ALN.AA.SR.293/2011-12, dated 30-07-2012 measuring 29 Guntas, Survey Number. 320(converted vide officail Memorandum No. ALN. AA.SR.293/2011-12, dated 30-07-2012) measuring 7 Guntas, Survey Number 320 measuring 1 Acre, Survey Number 291/1 measuring 1 Acre, Survey Number 320 measuring 20 Guntas, Survey Number 321 measuring 0.26.08 Guntas, Survey Number 321 measuring 10 Guntas, Survey Number 321 measuring 30 guntas, situated at Bidaragupe Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal taluk bounded on: East By: Attibele and Sarjapura 30M wide road and Private Property bearing Survey Number 321., West By: Private Property bearing Survey number 317 and Survey Number 319/1., North By: Private Property Bearing Survey Number 324, Survey Number 325 and Survey Number 328., South By: Existing 9M wide road.

Item - 2 - An undivided share, right, title and interest in Schedule A Property in proportion to the Schedule 'A' Apartment. Equivalent to about 285.00 Sq. Feet of undivided right.

Item – 3 - A Three Bedroom apartment bearing number J-908 in Block J on the Ninth Floor, of the residential complex known as "Golden Arena" to be constructed in Schedule 'A' Property, having a super built up area of 1023.00 Square Feet with covered Car Parking Area.

Sr. No.3	Agreement No.: AFH002200475158	Type of Loan : AFH	O/s. As per 13(2) Notice: Rs. 1,614,388.34	NPA Date: 03-07-2023	Notice Date: 15-10-2023

Name of Borrowers, co-borrowers, guarantors, Mortgagors: Mr. Vikas Suthar & Mrs. Mrs. Julie Joshef

Details of secured asset: Item – 1 - All that piece and parcel of residential converted land bearing No. 28/17, Re-Survey No. 28/17-A, (Converted vide Officail Memorandum No – B.Dis.ALN (5) SR(KT) 136 /2004-05 dated 09-05-2005, issued by Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District) having E – Katha Property No. 150200300200220412, situated at Kumalagodu Village, kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring an extent of 1 Acres 34 Guntas (1-34) together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on: East By:Eeranarasappa, Channamma garden (Sy No.29),West By: Road, North By:Narasimhaiah and Dasappa's Land (Sy No. 28),South By: Private Property (Sy No. 32)

Item - 2 - Apartment Number. 801, having Super Build up Area of 757 Sq.feet, and Carpet Area of 43.94 Sq. Mt. (473 Sqaure Feet), Balcony Area of 1.8 Sq.Mt (19 Sqaure Feet) on the Eighth Floor with One Car parking Space along with 287 Square Feet of undivided share in the Schedule Property, in the Apartment building Known as Sowparnika Pranathi., East By: Corridor,West By: Open Space,North By: Open Space,South By: Open Space.

The above borrowers and/or their guarantors(s)/mortgaror(s) (whenever applicable) are hereby called upon to make payment of outstanding amount within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which further steps will be taken after expiry of said 60 days under sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of SARFAESI Act.

Furthermore, this is to bring to your attention that under Section 13(8) of the SARFAESI Act, in case our dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by us are tendered at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer, the securd asset shall not be sold or transferred by us, and no further step shall be taken by us for transfer or sale of that secured asset.

Date : 19-11-2023
Place : Bangalore

Sd/- Authorized officer,
For YES BANK Limited

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No.: 908/BGK/Tr.(W&M)/SEE/EE(O)/AEE-(E)-2/23-24/F-53/4080-89 Date: 18.11.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION (THROUGH KPP PORTAL ONLY)

KPTCL invites tenders for the follwing works through electronic tendering:

(1) Bid Enquiry No: **KPTCL/2023-24/SE0009** for Providing manpower services for carrying out shift operations and minor maintenance works at **110kV Sub-station located at Bhutanal and 220kV Sub-station located at Vijayapur (Package-43)** under Nodal Center Vijayapur in TL&SSM Division Vijayapur.

(2) Bid Enquiry No: **KPTCL/2023-24/SE0135** for Providing manpower services for carrying out shift operations and minor maintenance works at 110kV Sub-stations located at **Takkalaki and Toravi (Package-44)** under Nodal Center Vijayapur in TL&SSM Division Vijayapur.

(3) Bid Enquiry No: **KPTCL/2023-24/SE0136** for Providing manpower services for carrying out shift operations and minor maintenance works at **110kV Sub-station located at Moratagi and Chandakavate (Package-45)** under Nodal Center Sindagi in TL&SSM Division Vijayapur.

(4) Bid Enquiry No: **KPTCL/2023-24/SE0137** for Providing manpower services for carrying out shift operations and minor maintenance works at 110kV Sub-stations located at **Devarahipparagi and Aski (Package-46)** under Nodal Center Sindagi in TL&SSM Division Vijayapur.

(5) Bid Enquiry No: **KPTCL/2023-24/SE0138** for Providing manpower services for carrying out shift operations and minor maintenance works at 110kV Sub-station located at **Nandyal (Yaranal) (Package-47)** under Nodal Center Nidagundi in TL&SSM Division Vijayapur.

(6) Bid Enquiry No: **KPTCL/2023-24/SE0139** for Providing manpower services for carrying out shift operations and minor maintenance works at 110kV Sub-stations located at **Kerur and Jigajivanagi (Package-48)** under Nodal Center Indi in TL&SSM Division Vijayapur.

(7) Bid Enquiry No: **KPTCL/2023-24/SE0140** for Providing manpower services for carrying out shift operations and minor maintenance works at 110kV Sub-station located at **Kudal Sangam(Package-49)** under Nodal Center Hunagund in TL&SSM Division Bagalkote.

(8) Bid Enquiry No: **KPTCL/2023-24/SE0141** for Providing manpower services for carrying out shift operations and minor maintenance works at **110kV Sub-station located at Mugalkhod and 220kV Sub-station located at Vajjramatti (Package-50)** under Nodal Center Mudhol in TL&SSM Division Bagalkote.

(9) Bid Enquiry No: **KPTCL/2023-24/SE0142** for Providing manpower services for carrying out shift operations and minor maintenance works at 110kV Sub-stations located at **Chimmad and Alahur (Package-51)** under Nodal Center Jamakhandi in TL&SSM Division Bagalkote.

(10) Bid Enquiry No: **KPTCL/2023-24/SE0143** for Providing manpower services for carrying out shift operations and minor maintenance works at 110kV Sub-stations located at **Nagaral SP and Navanagar Unit-II No.II (Package-52)** under Nodal Center Bagalkote in TL&SSM Division Bagalkote.

The detailed notification regarding the above works can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink **"e-procurement–KPTCL"** or to **https//kppp.karnataka.gov.in on or after 11.00 hrs on 20.11.2023.** Other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele.), Tr.(W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Opp. Sector No.45, Zonal Office Complex, Navanagara, Bagalakote-587103. Ph: 08354-236032 & 236029

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Sr. No.	Asian Games	Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medals	Total Medals
1	1951 New Delhi (India)	7	3	5	15
2	1954 Manila (Phillipines)	4	2	1	7
3	1958 Tokyo (Japan)	5	1	1	7
4	1962 Jakarta (Indonesia)	7	5	1	13
5	1966 Bangkok (Thailand)	4	1	4	9
6	1970 Bangkok (Thailand)	4	2	-	6
7	1974 Tehran (Iran)	-	6	5	11
8	1978 Bangkok (Thailand)	5	1	-	6
9	1982 New Delhi (India)	3	4	5	12
10	1986 Seoul (South Korea)	1	3	8	12
11	1990 Beijing (China)	1	1	-	2
12	1994 Heroshima (Japan)	1	1	2	4
13	1998 Bangkok (Thailand)	1	3	5	9
14	2002 Busan (South Korea)	4	3	2	9
15	2006 Doha (Qatar)	2	6	2	10
16	2010 Guangzhou (China)	2	2	3	7
17	2014 Incheon (South Korea)	3	1	4	8
18	2018 Jakarta (Indonesia)	3	2	3	8
19	**2023 Hangzhou (China)**	**8**	**6**	**6**	**20**

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Asian Games-2023:Punjab's Medal Winning Players

Gold Medal

Sport / Event	Name of Player
Rifle Shooting Individual	Sift Samra
Shooting Team	Arjun Singh Cheema
Shooting Team	Zorawar Singh Sandhu
Shotput (Athletics)	Tajinder Pal Singh Toor
Archery Team	Parneet Kaur
Men's Cricket	Arshdeep Singh, Prabhsimran Singh
Women's Cricket	Harmanpreet Kaur (Captain), Kanika Ahuja, Amanjot Kaur
Men's Hockey	Harmanpreet Singh (Captain), Hardik Singh (Vice Captain), Manpreet Singh, Mandeep Singh, Varun Kumar, Gurjant Singh, Shamsher Singh, Krishan Bahadur Pathak, Jarmanpreet Singh Bal, Sukhjeet Singh

Silver Medal

Sport / Event	Name of Player
Rifle Shooting Team	Sift Samra
800 Metre (Athletics)	Harmilan Bains
1500 Metre (Athletics)	Harmilan Bains
Badminton Team	Dhruv Kapila
Trap Shooting Team	Rajeshwari Kumari
Rowing Team	Jaswinder Singh, Charanjeet Singh

Bronze Medal

Sport / Event	Name of Player
Shooting Pistol Team	Vijayveer Sidhu
Rowing Team	Satnam Singh, Sukhmeet Singh
Rowing Team	Jaswinder Singh
Race Walk Team (Athletics)	Manju Rani
Archery Team	Simranjeet Kaur
Shooting Skeet Team	Gurjoat Singh Khangura, Angad Vir Singh Bajwa

Department of Information and Public Relations, Punjab

The Joint Action Committee (JAC) of KSRTC trade unions met Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy and urged him to clear their pending salary arrears. To draw the attention of the government towards their demands, the JAC will hold a protest on December 6, during the winter session in Belagavi

GUARANTEES EATING INTO DEVELOPMENT FUNDS

Government is diverting funds meant for projects, and placing them in cold storage

EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

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THE massive amount of funds that the government has been spending to implement the five guarantee schemes is expected to hamper implementation of many other projects and works. However, the state government is confident of mobilising funds to ensure that its guarantee schemes are implemented without any hassles, and that the funds required to get most of the other important projects in the state also got the necessary funds on time.

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Leaders and legislators from various regions in the state have expressed serious concern over the halt of a large number of developmental projects and attributed it to the guarantee schemes. Given the way legislators are upset over the way the government has been reluctant to provide funds for several development works in the state, a debate on the issue is likely to be held in the winter session of the state legislature, to be held in Suvarna Vidhana Soudha, Belagavi, which gets under way on December 4.

IRRIGATION PROJECTS COME TO A HALT

According to experts in the irrigation sector, it is getting difficult for the government to adjust funds for implementation of a large number of irrigation projects in the state. "Rs 20,000 crore worth of tenders were invited for various irrigation projects when Basavaraj Bommai was chief ninister, by both Krishna Bhagya Jala Nigam Ltd (KBJNL) and Karnataka Neeravari Nigama Ltd (KNNL). However, the government decided to halt all the works when Siddaramaiah took over as chief minister. Not only were works for which tenders were invited stopped, but works for which orders were issued were also halted," says Ashok Chandargi, an expert in the irrigation sector.

Several MLAs are upset over the meagre amount of MLA funds the government was giving for various works. "A measly Rs 50 lakh has been given to each MLA under the MLA Fund, which is not even enough to develop a single road. The government should provide more funds for all constituencies to ensure that some major works are taken up," says an MLA.

Chikkodi MLA Ganesh Hukkeri said the government has totally neglected North Karnataka region in terms of disbursement of funds. "On the lines of a special fund set aside for Hyderabad-Karnataka region under 371 (J), the government should take up development of entire North Karnataka. For a long time, North Karnataka constituencies have been neglected in all fields. It is high time the government paid attention to development in the region," he said, adding that funds released under the MLA Fund were too meagre.

BIG PICTURE

As far as implementation of irrigation projects in the state are concerned, the government needs to draw up a clear action plan. Funds for Upper Krishna Project (UKP-3), Upper Bhadra, Mahadayi and Mekedatu should be provided on time to make way for works which are needed for their completion, sources said.

The opposition BJP and JDS have attacked the ruling Congress government for scrapping many schemes aimed at SC/STs and farmers. About Rs 11,000 crore meant for the SCP/TSP programme to uplift SC/STs was allegedly diverted to implement the guarantees. But Social Welfare Minister Dr H C Mahadevappa had refuted the charges, maintaining that the amount was eventually being utilised on SC/STs as members of these communities form a major chunk of beneficiaries of the guarantees.

As for the PM's Kissan Samman, the government stopped giving its share of Rs 4,000 against the Centre's Rs 6,000 for every farmer. Former chief minister B S Yediyurappa had taken the decision to give Rs 4,000.

The 'Raitha Vidhyanidhi' launched during Basavaraj Bommai's tenure to give scholarships ranging from Rs 2,000 to Rs 11,000 for the children of farmers studying in schools and colleges, including those pursuing professional programmes, is yet to be launched. But agriculture department officers claimed it will soon be resumed as the government has allocated Rs 270 crore. But the decision is yet to be taken as to whether to extend the scheme to the children of farmers belonging to SC/ST/OBC/minority communities or not, as they were already being given scholarships in other schemes by the social welfare department. So, extending Raitha Vidhyanidhi to these communities may become a burden and the government is likely to hold deliberations.

GOVT CONFIDENT OF MOBILIZING FUNDS

Even as the government is under pressure from all quarters to implement schemes and projects other than the five guarantee schemes, it is confident of mobilizing funds to ensure that most of the projects announced in the budget are implemented along with the guarantees.

In his reply to the budget debate in the Legislative Council in July this year, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said Rs 35,410 crore is required for the five schemes, and action has also been taken to mobilize resources. The resources will be mobilised for guarantee schemes which include Rs 13,500 crore additional tax collection, additional loan of Rs 8,068 crore, Rs 6,086 crore through re-prioritisation of capital investment and Rs 7,000 crore through re-prioritisation of revenue projects, he said. The Chief Minister said the guarantee schemes have been implemented with the objective of fair distribution of resources.

PWD Minister Satish Jarkiholi said several major projects of his department were also being implemented without any financial hindrance. "I don't think there should be a fund crunch for any of the guarantee schemes. Most of the guarantees are being implemented and the government is committed to fulfil all its promises made in the election manifesto. So far, none of the government works are getting affected due to the guarantees," he added.

Sources, however, said laying of roads in rural areas by the PWD has come to a standstill, which is a major setback for the improvement of rural infrastructure. As far as the Bengaluru Suburban Railway project is concerned -- for which the Centre has allocated Rs 1,000 crore -- the state government is yet to take the initiative, sources said.

Experts feel the financial crunch for implementing projects in the state is obvious, with the government focusing totally on implementation of its guarantee schemes. Ironically, the Yuvanidhi which the government planned to launch in December, has been deferred to January 2024, which has been attributed to a lack of funds.

The Gruha Lakshmi scheme has not reached many beneficiaries, sources in the government said, adding that it has reached a merely 36 per cent of the beneficiaries till date. Meanwhile, the government is depending on CSR funds for infrastructure development of schools. Opposition parties are demanding a white paper on the state's financial status, given the way many important works are being halted due to fund shortage.

According to sources, the Siddaramaiah government has set aside Rs 54,374 crore as capital expenditure in the budget, as against Rs 61,234 crore which the previous government headed by Basavaraj Bommai had kept in the last interim budget.

In the five months of the 2023-24 fiscal, the total capital expenditure of the government has been Rs 642.32 crore. Compared to last year, there has been a drastic reduction in capital expenditure, sources said.

STATE BUDGET

The budget of the state is Rs 3,26,747 crore, which is 22 per cent more than the budget for the year 2022. Annually, Rs 32,000 crore, and a maximum of Rs 18,000 crore are required for the current year for the Gruha Lakshmi scheme.

SIDDU COUNTERS HDK, SAYS WILL RETIRE FROM POLITICS IF GUILTY

CM Siddaramaiah with DyCM DK Shivakumar during 106th birth anniversary of former PM Indira Gandhi at KPCC office in Bengaluru on Sunday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

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THE war of words between Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and state JDS president HD Kumaraswamy over the issue of "cash for transfer" refuses to die down, with the former on Sunday saying that he will retire from politics if proven that he has taken money even in a single transfer of government officials.

Denying the allegations made by Kumaraswamy, Siddaramaiah said that Kumaraswamy was attacking him and his deputy DK Shivakumar on behalf of BJP.

BJP and JDS have tied-up to fight the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. "Till date, Kumaraswamy has not proved any of his false allegations. Has he given any documents? He is a hit-and-run case who has been attacking me and Shivakumar at the behest of BJP," Siddaramaiah said at an event organised to mark the birth anniversary of former PM Indira Gandhi at the KPCC office in Bengaluru.

Earlier, Kumaraswamy continued his tirade against Siddaramaiah and former Varuna MLA Dy Yathindra over the "cash for transfer" issue. Taking to 'X', the JDS leader said, "Have you (Siddaramaiah) outsourced Varuna constituency to your son (Yathindra)? Is it true that you and your son spoke over the phone about the transfer scam?," Kumaraswamy asked, referring to the purported video of Yathindra that went viral recently.

"Even if he (Kumaraswamy) tweets a hundred times, there is no need to reply to him. As I have said before, if there was a single case of exchange of money for officials' transfers proven against me, I will retire from my political life. Such scams happened when he was the CM," Siddaramaiah told reporters earlier in Vidhana Soudha. He told party workers not to worry about the words of Kumaraswamy who talks "silly". "Focus on winning the upcoming Lok Sabha polls," he told Congress workers.

He said BJP and JDS were trying to show the State Government in a bad light as they were jealous of Congress coming to power.

He claimed that transfers are a natural process to reform the administrative machinery.

Calling Yathindra the "corrupt son of Siddaramaiah", Kumaraswamy alleged that he made the entire state bow down its head in shame. "As far as I know, no CM has ever outsourced his work to their children. You set a precedent by giving your son a backdoor entry to power with a post of member of Karnataka Development Programme. Is there any provision in the constitution that allows this?" he questioned.

BJP & JDS will stop guarantees if voted to power, says Shivakumar

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Siddaramaiah, Chief Minister

BJP and JDS oppose the guarantees. Congress workers should take these issues to the voters and make them aware of the anti-people mindset of the two parties

DK Shivakumar, Deputy CM

No CM has ever outsourced his work to their children. You set a precedent by giving your son a backdoor entry to power with a post of member of KDP

HD Kumaraswamy, state JDS president and former CM

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DEPUTY Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Sunday hit out at the opposition BJP and JDS accusing them of opposing the guarantee schemes introduced by the Congress government in Karnataka. "If people vote for BJP or its ally JDS in the ensuing Lok Sabha elections, they will discontinue the guarantee schemes. They might pass a law to withdraw the guarantees," Shivakumar, who is also KPCC chief, said at a programme organised in the Congress office on the birth anniversary of former prime minister Indira Gandhi. "BJP and JDS oppose the guarantee schemes. Congress workers should take these issues to the voters and make them aware of the anti-people mindset of the two parties," he said, reiterating that the Congress will not stop or tweak the guarantee schemes. He also accused PM Modi of offering guarantees in poll-bound states by borrowing the concept from Congress.

On Shikaripura MLA BY Vijayendra being appointed as the state BJP president, Shivakumar said, "Let BJP make anyone their party president or the leader of the opposition. We will not worry about it. We have nothing to do with it." He said Congress district-and block-level leaders must inform the party leadership about the inconvenience faced by the people in availing the guarantees. The DyCM added that ministers have been instructed to ensure that the guarantees reach the people, find out the reasons for hurdles, if any, and find solutions. He said the party will celebrate November 28 as Congress Founder's Day and a committee will be formed to survey whether the benefits of the guarantee schemes have reached the people.

"When I went to meet former CM BS Yediyurappa before taking oath as DyCM earlier this year, he told me 'DK you should implement two guarantee schemes this year'. I laughed and said, 'Yes, Sir'. But In the first cabinet meeting itself, we implemented four of the five guarantees," he elaborated.

He said that Indira Gandhi was the first PM to give guarantee schemes to the country in the form of nationalisation of banks. He recalled that he once borrowed Rs 3,000 from moneylenders to buy a bike and paid Rs 500 per month as instalment. "At that time, there was no system of lending to the common man in the banks. Nationalisation of banks changed it," he said. He said former AICC president Sonia Gandhi's book on Indira Gandhi will soon be published in Kannada.

BJP workers welcome state party chief BY Vijayendra with a garland made of apples in Mysuru on Sunday | UDAYASHANKAR S

Criticism of dynasty politics may die down

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI
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WITH the appointment of BY Vijayendra as BJP state president, and its alliance partner JDS being headed by former CM HD Kumaraswamy, politics in Karnataka is gaining a distinct dynastic character. The two parties revolve, by and large, around two families, those of BS Yediyurappa and HD Deve Gowda.

Both Yediyurappa and Gowda have been calling the shots in state politics and remain forces to reckon with, and the BJP brass proved it cannot ignore this fact when it comes to Karnataka, observed political pundits. The development puts a lid on the BJP's stand on 'dynasty politics', especially in Karnataka, and harsh criticism of family politics will no longer find place in poll campaigns.

Former national general secretary C T Ravi is visibly sulking, and appeared embarrassed as he tendered his apology to his rivals in opposition parties for criticising them harshly over family politics. "What I said a day ago cannot be said now, as it could be misinterpreted. I have also clarified that if I criticised anybody (on dynastic politics) owing to my party's stand, I apologise to them," he told reporters, replying to a query that the BJP, which was against dynasty politics, was encouraging it now by appointing Yediyurappa's son as president. Evidently, many leaders who were against family politics, are afraid of speaking about it now, as it could amount to criticising Yediyurappa, and boomerang on them.

But veterans such as Vijayapura MP Ramesh Jigajinagi have taken the liberty to criticise Vijayendra's appointment. "We did not choose Vijayendra as president, but the party high command appointed him as they felt he fit the bill as son of Yediyurappa. Since Independence, we Dalits raised our hands either in the Assembly or LS for others, but none raised their hands in favour of us (Dalits). It is a matter of sorrow," he said.

Congress and its leadership had long ago accepted dynasty politics, observed political analyst and former journalist TK Pradeep Kumar. "BJP leadership tried to remove family politics but failed in the Assembly polls. Vijayendra's appointment will give a push to family politics until the masses attain political maturity, and keep aside family and caste while casting their vote," he said.

BJP's OBC support base could be slipping

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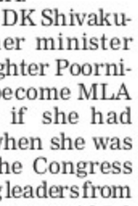
WITH the threat of a 'caste census' looming large, the BJP is trying hard to salvage its OBC presence. Though there was talk that an OBC member would be made opposition leader, the party preferred to go with Vokkaliga leader R Ashoka. BJP's OBC presence is largely confined to the prominent Billava-Ediga community, and with two Edigas— Sunil Kumar and Kota Srinivas Poojary— becoming ministers, and KS Eshwarappa (until he resigned) and Byrati Basavaraj being their Kuruba ministers.

Six months after BJP's big defeat in Karnataka, former BJP MLA and OBC face from Hiriyur, Poornima Srinivas — who joined the Congress —blamed the BJP's internal reservation and also regretted that many measures implemented by the BJP were wrong, and had cost the party heavily. Poornima is from the Golla community, which is not numerically large compared to the Kurubas or Edigas, and had to remain satisfied being MLA.



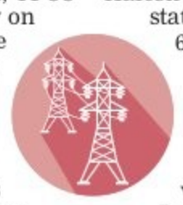
KPCC president DK Shivakumar said, "Former minister Krishnappa's daughter Poornima would have become MLA from KR Puram if she had joined the party when she was invited." While the Congress has been inducting leaders from other parties, sources said LS polls are round the corner and the OBCs together account for a large vote share. Prominent among the OBCs are Kurubas, Edigas and Gollas. Sources said Poornima Srinivas refused to join the Congress ahead of the May assembly elections. She confirmed to *TNIE* that Siddaramaiah and Shivakumar were in touch with him, and she should have joined them earlier but had reservations about switching parties. Krishnappa was a Congress minister and had represented Varthur. Poornima also mentioned that while some husband-wife pairs are people's representatives in the BJP, they couldn't accommodate her husband, DT Srinivas.

Online services for the five Energy Supplies Corporations Limited (ESCOMS) — BESCOM (Bengaluru), CHESCOM (Mysuru), GESCOM (Kalburgi), MESCOM (Mangaluru) and HESCOM (Hubballi) will not be available for three days from Nov 24 to 26. Online services will also not be available

'BRS govt buys power from Cong-ruled state'

ENS @ Hyderabad

REBUTING BRS party's campaign narrative, alleging inadequate electricity supply by the Congress in Karnataka, TPCC Chief A Revanth Reddy on Sunday asserted that the Telangana government is paradoxically procuring power from Chhattisgarh, where the Congress is in power.



"While electricity is available at a cost of Rs 3 per unit in the open market, Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao is procuring it at Rs 14. Even as KCR is continuously vocal on electricity of Karnataka not giving power, he is buying 1000 MW power from Chhattisgarh where Congress is in power. The irony is you buy from the state where Congress is in power, and allege that Congress is not giving power," Revanth remarked. He was addressing the "Meet the press" programme organised by Telangana Adhyayana Vedhika.

Revanth accused the chief minister of inflating project estimates of projects including Kaleshwaram and Ambedkar statue by 200% to secure a 60% cut. Answering a question on whether his party would stifle down the dissent by filing cases under Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), Revanth claimed that it was the Congress which had comprehensively implemented the naxalite agenda, and naxalism subsided during their government's tenure.

On the possibility of implementation of the Congress manifesto, Revanth said, "Our manifesto has passed with distinction. My policy document is approved by KCR. We will throw open the CM camp office and secretariat doors to the poor," he said.

Telangana experiencing 'KCR Grahan', attacks Nadda

Hyderabad: Launching a scathing attack against the ruling BRS party, BJP president JP Nadda on Sunday said that Telangana is experiencing 'KCR Grahan', and it needs to get rid of it on Nov 30, the polling day. Nadda also accused the KCR government of transforming the Dharani portal into what he termed a "Harani portal" - an alleged tool for looting. Speaking at a roadshow in Malkajgiri, Nadda asserted, "The Telangana government is characterized by corruption, appeasement, dynastic rule, and exploitation of the poor. It has forfeited its right to remain in power, and the public needs to recognize that. The extent of corruption under the KCR government, whether it be land grabbing, a 30 percent cut in Dalit Bandhu, or the conversion of the Dharani portal to the Harani portal for the exploitation of poor landowners, knows no bounds." Earlier in the day, Nadda addressed public gatherings in Narayanpet and Chevella segments. During these meetings, he called upon the electorate to cast their votes for the BJP, emphasizing the need to end what he referred to as family rule in Telangana and send the BRS party packing. Nadda asserted that only the BJP had the capability to stand up against family-dominated political entities in the country, promising comprehensive development if BJP candidates were elected to the assembly.

TO VICTORY

Several teams take part in the Simon Britto Memorial Boat Race at Korunkotta Backwaters near Vaduthala in Kochi on Sunday | A SANESH

Star Air flights to Hyd, Tirupati, Goa from S'mogga

MARX TEJASWI @ Shivamogga

STAR Air will commence three new daily flight routes from Kuvempu Airport, Shivamogga to Hyderabad, Tirupati and Goa starting on Tuesday. The airline will operate these much-awaited routes using their new Embraer E175 aircraft.

Star Air sources said that there will be non-stop daily flights between Shivamogga and Hyderabad, catering to both business travellers and tourists exploring the 'rich culture and history' of Hyderabad.

Daily flights will connect Shivamogga to Tirupati, facilitating pilgrims visiting Sri Venkateswara Temple and other spiritual destinations. Star Air said that travellers can enjoy a journey with its service and experience comfort aboard the Embraer E175. For those visiting beaches of Goa, Star Air will operate daily flights, providing a link to the Goan coastline.

Star Air said that Embraer E175 is renowned for its 'exceptional comfort and performance,' making it an ideal choice for these new routes. The aircraft features a 2-class configuration with 12 luxurious business class seats and 64 best-in-class economy seats. Passengers can look forward to spacious seating, full meal service, priority check-in and baggage handling, and an overall superior travel experience.

Meanwhile, MP BY Raghavendra said the people of central Karnataka must make use of the flights.

MAN FAKES DEATH IN CROC ATTACK TO EVADE DEBT, CAUGHT IN 24 HRS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Kendrapara

A debt-ridden man's attempt to pull off a novel plan to fake his own death in crocodile attack in Kendrapara district went awry as he was traced and brought back within 24 hours.

The 47-year-old Bikrant Mallick of Andara village under Pattamundai police limits had left behind his belongings on the Brahmani riverbank on Saturday to make people believe that he had been dragged in by a crocodile. The motive allegedly was to escape repaying debts and also securing a hefty compensation of ₹6 lakh from the forest department.

Mallick was, however, traced in Cuttack on Sunday. The elaborate plan was busted following a thorough investigation aided by CCTV footage and mobile tracking by police.

Initially the villagers found his shoes, clothes, and motorcycle near the riverbank on Saturday morning. They believed him to be dead in crocodile attack due to a spate of similar incidents in the area.

After police was informed, the CCTV footage was checked and his mobile was put on the tracking system on Sunday. "We tracked him in Cuttack and asked him to come to the police station. Accordingly, he returned and interrogation is on. We will take proper legal action after due inquiry," said the IIC of Pattamundai police station, Ranjit Mohanty.

As per preliminary investigation, Mallick confessed to have faked his death by leaving his bike and clothes near the river ghat so that his family can get a compensation of ₹6 lakh compensation from the forest department. Suspecting his wife and other family members' involvement in his plan, police are interrogating them as well.

Chittaranjan Mallick, a neighbour, revealed that the Mallick had been working as a daily wager in Punjab, and returned to the village last week. He had taken huge amount of loans from some villagers. On his return to the village, they began to press him to repay the debts. He then reportedly hatched the plan to fake his death to help his wife to get the compensation amount from the forest department and clear the loans, he said.

Kendrapara district, home to 1,793 crocodiles in Bhitarkanika National Park, has witnessed six fatal crocodile attacks between June and August this year. Divisional forest officer, Sudrashan Gopinath Yadav, stated that the forest department had previously dealt with false compensation claims related to crocodile attacks, and in this case too, a thorough inquiry will be conducted.

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12th December, 2023
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21st December, 2023
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UNIMONI FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED
RO: N.G. 12 & 13 Ground Floor, North Block, Manipal Centre, Dickenson Road, Bangalore - 560 042. CIN No.U85110KA1995PLC018175

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the Public that Auction of pledged Gold Ornaments will be conducted by UNIMONI FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED on **23.11.2023** at 10:00 am at NO 12/13, GROUND FLOOR, NORTH BLOCK, MANIPAL CENTRE, DICKENSON ROAD, KARNATAKA, 560042. The Gold Ornaments to be auctioned belong to Loan Accounts of our various Customers who have failed to pay their dues. Our notices of auction have been duly issued to these borrowers. The Gold Ornaments to be auctioned belong to Overdue Loan Accounts of our various Customers mentioned below with branch name.

Loan Nos : BANGALORE - KORAMANGALA (BAK) -1988277

For more details, please contact : **Mr. ANNA MARY V - 9844125795**

(Reserves the right to alter the number of accounts to be auctioned &/ postpone / cancel the auction without any prior notice.)

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DEMAND NOTICE

DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION & RECONSTRUCTIONS OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002

We, **M/s. Shriram Finance Limited (formerly known as "Shriram City Union finance Limited"** amalgamated with **Shriram Transport Finance limited** and converted as **Shriram Transport Finance Limited** as per the orders of **NCLT Bench-II Chennai dated 09.11.2022)** and thereafter obtained the approval to rename as **Shriram Finance Ltd (Ministry of Corporate Finance letter dated 30.11.2022),** is a company registered under the Companies Act, 2013 and also registered with RBI to do Non-Banking Finance business having its registered office at **Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai - 600032.**

Whereas the borrowers/co-borrowers/guarantors/ mentioned hereunder had availed the financial assistance from **SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD.** We state that despite having availed the financial assistance, the borrowers/guarantors have committed various defaults in repayment of interest and principal amounts as per due dates. The account has been classified as Non Performing Asset in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India, consequent to the Authorized Officer of **SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD.** under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 & in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices on respective dates mentioned herein below under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, 2002 calling upon the following borrowers /guarantors /mortgagors to repay the amount mentioned in the notices together with further interest at the contractual rate on the amount mentioned in the notices and incidental expenses, cost, charges etc until the date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of notices.

The notices issued to them on their last known addresses have returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice about the same.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Name of the Borrowe(s) / Co-Borrowe(s) / Guarantors	NPA Date	Date of Demand Notice	Outstanding Amount	Loan Amount
1. **N.Vijaya Krishna, S/o. N.Malakondaiah;** R/O No C-2 : Lakshmi Residency, 1st Cross, Akshaya Shetty Layout, Sadasiva Nagar, Banglore, Karnataka-560080. 2. **Y.Jaya Rami Reddy, S/o. Yekollu Ramakrishna Reddy,** D.No.: 303, III rd Floor, Aditya Crystals, Aditya Nagar, Nellore Dist-524002. 3. **N.Vijaya, W/o. N.Vijaya Krishna;** R/O No C-2 : Lakshmi Residency, 1st Cross, Akshaya Shetty layout, Sadasiva Nagar, Banglore, Karnataka-560080.	15-04-2013	30-10-2023	1. Rs.17,74,89,205/- 2. Rs.9,00,03,857/-	1. Rs.4,00,00,000/- 2. Rs.2,00,00,000/-

PROPERTY ADDRESS OF SECURED ASSETS : The Schedule Property is in the name Of N.Vijaya Krishna, S/o. N.Malakondaiah; Vide Doc.No. : 871/2012 dated 26.03.2012 and Doc.No.: 2067/2012 dated 17.07.2012.

Property Details : Schedule-I (As per registered Doc.No.200/1999, Dt.11-03-1999) : Nellore District, Buchireddypalem Sub-District, Buchireddypalem Gram Panchayath and village Accounts, Hamlet of Vavveru, Sy.no.46/1, 46/2, and 61/C, ward No.6, Block No.13, Kothakasipalem Street, site measuring 150 ft length and 57.5 ft width total extent of 120 Ankanams or 960 sq.yardds or 802.80 sq.mts., (This site is situated on the north side of the Door No.13-193 house, **bounded on: East :** Wall of Shaik Khaza Mohiddin, **West :** Site of NallagondlaVijaya Krishna, **North :** Site retained by Katamreddy Malla Reddy, **South :** Site of Nallagonda Vijaya Krsihna.

Schedule-II (As per registered Doc.No.74/2003, Dt.22-01-2003) : Nellore District, Buchireddypalem Sub-District, Buchireddypalem Gram Panchayath and village Accounts, Hamlet of Vavveru, Sy.no.61, Ward No.6, Block No.13, om the southern row of Bombay Road in between Jameelmahal to Mohalla Mahal on eastern side of Door No.B-13-11 site measuring East to West on northern side 9 ½ ft., East to West on northern side 15 ft North to South on both the sides 52 ½ ft total extent of 9 Ankanams or 72 sq.yards, **bounded on the: East :** Wall of Shaik Khaza Mohiddin, **West :** House of Munaga Venkatesham Setty, **North :** Bombay Road, **South :** Wall of Nallagondla Vijay Krishna.

Schedule-III (As per registered Doc.No.192/1999, Dt.10-03-1999) : Nellore District, Buchireddypalem Sub-District, Buchireddypalem Gram Panchayath and village Accounts, Hamlet of Vavveru, Sy.no.46/1, 46/2, and 61/C, Ward No.6, Block No.13-193 near Kothakasipalem Street, site measuring 150 ft length and 57.5 ft width total extent of 120 Ankanams or 960 sq.yards or 802.80 sq.mts., **bounded on the: East :** Wall of Shaik Khaza Mohiddin, **West :** Site of NallagondlaVijaya Krishna, **North :** Site retained by KatamreddyMalla Reddy, **South :** Site of Nallagondla Vijaya Krishna.

Schedule-IV (As per registered Doc.No.213/1999, Dt.13-03-1999) : Nellore District, Buchireddypalem Sub-District, Buchireddypalem Gram Panchayath and village Accounts, Hamlet of Vavveru, Sy.no.46/1, 46/2, and 61/C, Ward No.6, Block No.13, on the northern side of B-13-192, Kothakasipalem Street, site measuring 150 ft length and 56.5 ft width total extent of 117 ¾ Ankanams or 942 sq.yards or 789.42 sq.mts., **bounded on the: East :** Wall of Shaik Khaza Mohiddin, **West :** Site of NallagondlaVijaya Krishna, **North :** Site of Nallagondla Vijaya Krishna, **South :** Site of Nallagondla Vijaya Krishna.

Schedule-V : (As per registered Doc.No.202/1999, Dt.11-03-1999) : Nellore District, Buchireddypalem Sub-District, Buchireddypalem Gram Panchayath and village Accounts, Hamlet of Vavveru S.no.61, Ward No.6, Block No.13, on the southern row of Bombaby Road, Door No.B-13-5, Sheet roofed House and site, measuring 70 ft length and 15 ft width or 14 Ankanams 42 sq.ft or 117 sq.yards or 97 sq.mts., in that 1050 sq.ft Sheet Roofed Building with HSC No.528 **bounded on the: East :** Way of left over for ingress and egress, **West :** House site of Bondili Balaram Singh, **North :** Bombay Road, **South :** Property of Nallagondal Vijay Krishna.

Schedule-VI (As per registered Doc.No.165/1999, Dt.06-03-1999) : Nellore District, Buchireddypalem Sub-District, Buchireddypalem Gram Panchayath and village Accounts, Hamlet of Vavveru Sy.No.46/1, 46/2 and 61/C, Ward No.6, Block No.13, Kothakasipalem Street, on the northern side of Door No.B-13-192, site measuring 120 ft length and 72 ft width total extent of 120 Anknams or 960 sq.yards or 802.80 sq.mts., **bounded on the: East :** Wall of Shaik Khaza Mohiddin, **West :** Land retained by Katameddy Bala Sankar Reddy, **North :** Land retained by katameddy Bala Sankar Reddy, **South :** Site of Nallagondla Vijaya Krishna.

Schedule-VII : (As per registered Doc.No.214/1999, Dt.15-03-1999) : Nellore District, Buchireddypalem Sub-District, Buchireddypalem Gram Panchayath and village Accounts, Hamlet of Vavveru, Sy.No.46/1, 46/2 and 61/C, Ward No.6, Block No.13, Kothakasipalem Street, on the northern side of Door No.B-13-192, **(1) site measuring 80 ft length and 70 ft width total extent of 77 3/4 Anknams or 622 1/4 sq.yards or 520.33 sq.mts., bounded on the : East :** Wall of Nallagondala Vijaya Krishna, **West :** Site of Sons of Shaik Imam Saheb and Others, **North :** Land of Nallagondala Vijaya Krishna, **South :** Site of Nallagondla Vijaya Krishna.
(2) site measuring 59 ft length and 32 ft width total extent of 26 1/4 Ankanams or 210 sq.yards or 148.85 sq.mts., bounded on: East : Wall of Nallagondala Vijaya Krishna, **West :** Site of Sons of Shaik Imam Saheb and Others, **North :** Land of Bondili Balaji Singh and Others, **South :** Site of Nallagondla Vijaya Krishna.

Schedule-VIII (As per registered Doc.No.201/1999, Dt.11-03-1999) : Nellore District, Buchireddypalem Sub-District, Buchireddypalem Gram Panchayath and village Accounts, Hamlet of Vavveru S.No.61, Ward No.6 Block No.6, Block No.13, on the southern row of Bombay Road, Door No.B-13-10-1 to 7, site measuring 52 ft length and 18 ft width or 13 Ankanams or 104 sq.yards, or 86.97 sq.mts., **bounded on the: East :** House of Munaga Prasad Raod and Others, **West :** Way site left over for ingress and egress, **North :** Bombay Road, **South :** Property of Nallagondla Vijay Krishna.

In the circumstances as aforesaid, the notice is hereby given to the above borrowers, co-borrowers and/ or their guarantors (where ever applicable) to pay the outstanding dues as mentioned above along with future interest and applicable charges within 60 days from the date of the publication of this notice failing which further steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days of the date of this notice against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the borrowers and the mortgagors under Section 13(4) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and the applicable rules there under.

Please note that under Section 13 (13) of the said Act, no Borrower shall, transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of his secured assets referred to in the notice, without prior written consent of the secured creditor.

Place : Nellore — **Sd/- Authorised Officer, Shriram Finance Limited**

The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,
H.O, No.2, Pampamahakavi Road, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru - 560 018.
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PUBLIC AUCTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Auction sale under the securitization and reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforce of Security Interest Act 2002 Section 13(4) of the Immovable properties mortgaged to The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Ltd., is brought to Sale under **" AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION" and "AS IS WHAT IS CONDITION".** Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower/(s) and Guarantor/(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, **Symbolic possession** of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer.

Name of the Borrower	Discription of Property	Balance Outstanding	Auction Date
1 Sri N.Muniraju S/o late Najundappa No. 6, 2nd Main,3rd Cross, Govindarajanagar Bengaluru-560 040 Surety: Sri M.S.Mukesh	**All that piece and parcel of property No.19, Old Site No.1600, 33rd Main, Magadi Chord Road, Extn., now comes under BBMP Jurisdiction, PID No.36-28-19, Ward No.36, New Ward No.104 Bangalore. Measuring East to West: 23'6", North to South 38'+38'6"/2, totally 898.87 Sq.Ft., and bounded on the East by: Site bearing No.1600/A, West by: Site bearing No.1599/A, North by: Site bearing No.1592 & 1953 & South by: Road.** **Reserve Price of Property : Rs.1,19,55,000/- (10% is Rs.11,95,500/-).**	Rs.18,31,184/- Upto 15.11.2023	22.12.2023 Friday at 11.00 am
2 M/s Tejas Construction Partners: 1. Sri C.Ramesh, S/o Chinnappa 2. Smt R.Radha W/o Sri C.Ramesh Both are residing at No.49, 1st Main, 3rd Cross Balaji Nagar Bengaluru-560 040 Surety: Sri A.Venkatesh	**All the piece and parcel of the property bearing No:35, Katha No:69/53, situated at Kempapura Village, Yemlur Post, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, formerly within the limit of H. A. Sanitary Board, Bangalore, now it is Bangalore East Taluk, measuring East to West 207 Sq.ft. and North to South 41.37 Sq.ft, totally measuring 8,563.59 Sq.ft, now this property coming under the administrative jurisdiction of the Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, having BBMP Katha No:83/84/69/53/35 in Ward No:86, and bounded as East by : Thottee Thippa Reddy's Property, West by: Road, North by: Thippa Reddy's Property & South by: M.Chinnappa Reddy's House Property.** **ITEM No: 1** **All that piece and parcel of the property being 2 BHK Flat No. G-103 on the Ground Floor in the Apartment Building known as "SAPTHAGIRI NILAYAMU" to be constructed in the Schedule A Property, measuring 1170 Sq. feet of Super Built up area together with 596.18 Sq.ft. of undivided share, right title and interest in the Schedule A Property, along with one covered car parking area with civic amenities and bounded as East by : Flat No:102, West by: Flat No:104, North by: Thippa Reddy's Property, South by: M.Chinnappa Reddy's House Property.** **Reserve Price of Property : Rs.49,79,000/- (10% is Rs.4,97,900/-).** **ITEM No: 2** **All that piece and parcel of the property being 2BHK Flat No. G-104 on the Ground Floor in the Apartment Building known as "SAPTHAGIRI NILAYAMU" to be constructed in the Schedule A Property, measuring 1088 Sq.ft. of Super Built up area together with 554.40 Sq.ft. of undivided share, right title and interest in the Schedule A Property, along with one covered car parking area with civic amenities and bounded as East by: Flat No:103, West by: Flat No:105, North by: Thippa Reddy's Property & South by: M.Chinnappa Reddy's House Property.** **Reserve Price of Property : Rs.46,39,000/- (10% is Rs.4,63,900/-).** **ITEM No:3** **All that piece and parcel of the property being 2BHK Flat No:F-203 on the First Floor in the Apartment Building known as "SAPTHAGIRI NILAYAMU" to be constructed in the Schedule A Property, measuring 1170 Sq. feet of Super Built up area together with 596.18 Sq. feet of undivided share, right title and interest in the Schedule A Property, along with one covered car parking area with civic amenities and bounded as East By: Flat No:202, West By: Flat No:204, North By: Thippa Reddy's Property & South By: M.Chinnappa Reddy's House Property.** **Reserve Price of Property : Rs.49,79,000/- (10% is Rs.4,97,900/-).** **ITEM No: 4** **All that piece and parcel of the property being 2BHK Flat No:S-301 on the Second Floor in the Apartment Building known as "SAPTHAGIRI NILAYAMU" to be constructed in the Schedule A Property, measuring 1122 Sq.ft. of Super Built up area together with 571.72 Sq.ft. of undivided share, right title and interest in the Schedule A Property, along with one covered car parking area with civic amenities and East By: Vacant Land, West By: Flat No:302, North By: Thippa Reddy's Property & South By: M.Chinnappa Reddy's House Property.** **Reserve Price of Property : Rs.47,80,000/- (10% is Rs.4,78,000/-).**	Rs.89,85,103/- Upto 15.11.2023	22.12.2023 Friday at 11.30 am

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

(1) The public auction will be conducted in the premises of The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Head Office No.2, Pampamahakavi Road, Chamarajpet, Bangalore-560018.
(2) For participation in the auction the intending bidders have to deposit an amount equivalent to 10% of the Reserve price of the property being cautioned deposit by means of Demand Draft/Pay Order drawn in favour of M/s.The Grain Merchant's Co.Operative Bank Ltd., The cautioned deposit shall be forfeited by the bank without any prior notice, if the successful bidder fails to adhere to the terms of sale, time and commits default in any manner.
(3) The Property "SHALL NOT" be sold below the reserve price
(4) In case the bidder is not successful the EMD amount shall be refund without interest.
(5) The successful bidder should deposit 25% of the sale price (inclusive of EMD) within 24 Hours after the auction sale, in Cash or Demand Draft and the balance of the Sale price within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale. In case of default by the successful bidder, all the amounts deposited till then shall be forfeited without notice and the property shall be put for re-auction.
(6) The successful bidder shall bear the statutory dues/taxes/charges/property tax/electricity charges/water charges/conveyance charges such as stamp duty, registration fee etc. that is required to be paid in order to get the property conveyed in his favour, as per the applicable laws.
(7) The authorized officer has absolute right to accept or reject any or all if the tender or/bid/offer and/or adjourn/postpone/ cancel the auction sale without assigning any reason, and also to modify an or all terms and conditions of the sale without prior notice.
(8) The sale is subject to confirmation by the Bank.
(9) The property can be inspected by the intending bidder between 10.00 A.M. to 5.00 P.M. at his/her expenses at the address mentioned in the schedule.
(10) The property is put for sale on **"AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION" AND "AS IS WHAT IS CONDITION"** the intending bidder shall satisfy himself about the title,ownership,statutory approvals, encumbrances etc. of the property.

Sd/-
Authorised Officer,
The Grain Merchants' Co Operative Bank Ltd., Bengaluru-18

Place: Bangalore
Date: 15.11.2023

EDITORIAL

Power does not corrupt. Fear corrupts... perhaps the fear of a loss of power — John Steinbeck

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— Ramnath Goenka

LESSONS FOR INDIA FROM CHINA-PAKISTAN JOINT NAVAL DRILLS

IN this increasingly fluid geopolitical scenario against the backdrop of the Israel-Hamas war, the Russia-Ukraine conflict, and the not-so-sweet meeting between US President Joe Biden and his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping, India's attention has been drawn to the ongoing joint maritime exercise by the Chinese and Pakistani navies—Sea Guardian-3—in the waters and airspace of the northern Arabian Sea (AS). Although China's official version is that the naval exercise will focus on "joint response to maritime security threats and will include formation movement, search and rescue and anti-submarine operation, besides professional exchanges and mutual visits between the two navies", Beijing's ulterior motive is not lost upon New Delhi, which has been monitoring the building of Chinese naval assets in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR) and AS, and the docking of ships and submarines at Karachi.

From its first military base in Djibouti to the Gwadar port in Balochistan, China has been strategically mapping the IOR and the AS. The Gwadar port, inaugurated by the then Pakistani president Pervez Musharraf in 2007, is owned by the Gwadar Port Authority and operated by China Overseas Port Holding Company, a state-run Chinese firm. It has become a symbol of China's presence on the shores of the Indian Ocean and has drawn much attention from the security forces. The Gwadar port is located roughly 600 nautical miles from the Strait of Hormuz, through which about 25 percent of the world's oil passes from source countries in West Asia to international markets. Besides becoming a flagship project of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor and the Belt and Road Initiative, its ideal and strategic location for a naval base bolsters China's power play and intelligence capabilities in the IOR. China and Pakistan have been carrying out joint naval exercises since 2020, when they first conducted Sea Guardian-1 in the northern AS. This was followed by the second edition in 2022 in waters off Shanghai.

For Pakistan, a joint naval exercise in the AS along with long-term ally China not only means military heft and legitimacy but is also a desperate move to avoid the repetition of 'Operation Trident'. In the 1971 war, the Indian navy had brought down the Pakistan military by attacking Karachi port, the headquarters of Pakistan's navy and the country's economic nerve centre.

TIGHTENING UNSECURED LOANS A GOOD MOVE

THE Reserve Bank of India's decision to increase the risk weight of unsecured retail loans was expected. The country's central bank had hinted at tighter norms as it made obvious on several occasions its discomfort with the high pace of unsecured retail credit growth in banks as well as non-banking financial companies (NBFCs). Unsecured retail loans were growing at over 20 percent in many banks and NBFCs for a very long time. The banking regulator was alarmed by the unnecessary exuberance witnessed in this space. The heightened growth in personal loans for purchase of goods used for instant gratification was seen both as a precursor of delinquencies as well as a trigger for high inflation. With its latest move, RBI has put a leash on both, without being too 'extravagant'.

The banking regulator has increased the risk weight of unsecured personal loans from 100 percent to 125 percent for banks and NBFCs. For credit card loans, the risk weight has been increased from 125 percent to 150 percent in the case of banks and from 100 percent to 125 percent for NBFCs. This means that against every ₹100 lent in unsecured loans, banks will have to maintain ₹125 in capital. This will not only dissuade banks from lending against no security, but in a way also apply the brakes on discretionary consumption that may lead to inflationary pressures. The central bank wants to achieve this without resorting to an unceremonious hike in interest rates, a move which would create unnecessary panic.

This newspaper had in the past highlighted how banks and NBFCs expanded their unsecured loan books despite RBI's discomfort with high double-digit growth in retail loans. It also highlighted a recent RBI report which said loans to young borrowers through fintech NBFCs have gone up 100 times from 2015 to 2021. Clearly, RBI had seen the cracks and tried to fix them before they grew into a bigger problem. The unsecured retail loan, especially in the fintech space, is seeing a lot of dynamism—not all of which is good. The unchecked growth of this space has also exposed it to 'unscrupulous' activities. Timely action was needed even if it would later cause a temporary momentum loss in credit growth.

QUICK TAKE

DELINK MNREGA PAY FROM AADHAAR

DIGITAL exclusion is hurting the poorest of the poor. The government's insistence on linking recipients' bank accounts with Aadhaar for paying MNREGA dues has erected the cruellest digital divide in India. The Association for the Empowerment of Labourers and Farmers, a grassroots organisation that pioneered the right to information, recently claimed that more than 5 crore people have lost their MNREGA jobs after the linking was made mandatory. The motives of avoiding pilferage and ensuring precise transfers are laudable. But not before the Aadhaar database is in a much sharper shape than it is now. The onus is on the government.

The controversy involving Mahua Moitra isn't new. Such scandals rocked parliament in 1951 and 2005. Borrowing Nehru's words, there can be no 'laxity' in the present case

WHEELS OF JUSTICE MUST GRIND IN THE CASH-FOR-QUERY ROW

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THE Mahua Moitra saga continues. The denouement is expected when the Speaker considers the report of the Ethics Committee, which investigated the accusations against her, and puts it before the House when the Lok Sabha convenes for the Winter Session. The last whistle will be blown when the House takes a call on the recommendations of the committee.

Because of the intense political battles being fought within parliament and outside, this committee has been notoriously 'leaky'. Hence the unanimous media view that the committee has indicted Moitra and wants her expelled from the House.

Since independence, 12 MPs have been expelled from parliament for accepting payments to file questions—H G Mudgal in 1951 and 11 others in 2005.

Going by the facts and circumstances in these cases, the Ethics Committee has enough to rely on while taking a call on whether the MP transgressed the ethical standards expected of her. The MP is accused of sharing her parliamentary login credentials with businessman Darshan Hiranandani, who filed questions from his Dubai office, and accepting gifts and other benefits from him. The allegations in the Moitra case are different from those in the Mudgal Case and the cash-for-questions scandal that broke out in parliament in 2005, but the central accusation remains the same—accepting gratification for asking questions.

The first cash-for-questions scandal broke out in India's provisional parliament in 1951, when H G Mudgal offered his parliamentary services to the Bombay Bullion Association for "canvassing support and making propaganda in parliament on problems like option business, stamp duty, etc".

The scandal came to light when a board member of the bullion association informed Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru that an MP was willing to drum up support for the association if he was paid ₹20,000. However, after much discussion within the board and some haggling, the board agreed to pay Mudgal ₹5,000 and set up a committee to work with the MP. When the scandal broke out, Mudgal had received ₹2,700 for his "services", which included asking a question in parliament on behalf of the bullion merchants and seeking an interview for the president and directors of the association with Finance Minister Chintamani Deshmukh.

By then, Nehru had been alerted and he summoned the MP. Mudgal denied the allegations. Unconvinced by this explanation, Nehru moved a resolution for the constitution of a parliamentary committee to probe Mudgal's conduct.

Nehru's firmness in having the matter probed and the opinion of the Speaker tell us a lot about the value they attached to probity in public life in the 1950s. The Speaker wanted an open inquiry "so that the public may not have an impression that members of parliament are of low calibre and they are capable of accepting some kind of gratification or some kind of satisfaction to do the work in parliament". When some MPs suggested in-camera proceedings, the Speaker turned it down and said that "it is no use keeping back from the public what our true colours are".

The committee held Mudgal guilty, saying his conduct was "derogatory to the dignity of the House and inconsistent with the standards which parliament is entitled to expect from its members". Since this was the first such case, Nehru said the House should not hesitate to express itself in an "unambiguous and forceful manner". He moved a resolution to expel the member. However, Mudgal pre-empted the government by announcing his resignation on the floor of the House and walking out. The House adopted a resolution stating that his resignation constituted a contempt of the House which only aggravated his offence.

The incident in 2005 involving 10 members of the Lok Sabha and one Rajya Sabha MP was even more scandalous. An online portal called *Cobrapost* had heard that MPs took bribes to ask questions in parliament. It carried out a sting operation over several months and trapped 11 MPs who directly or through their office staff collected money to ask questions in parliament. TV channel *Aaj Tak* aired the results on December 12, 2005, leading to an uproar in political circles. The then Lok Sabha Speaker, Somnath Chatterjee, immediately set up a committee to probe the issue. The committee summoned all the Lok Sabha MPs involved. The Rajya Sabha probed the allegation against its member separately. The Lok Sabha committee found that the MPs had demanded and taken sums ranging from ₹30,000 to ₹1.10 lakh to ask questions and that many of these transactions and negotiations were caught on camera. This was one of the most shameful episodes in the history of parliament.

Following the reports, both Houses decided to expel the members involved. The Lok Sabha committee said that "however harsh it may sound, the continuance of these members as members of the Lok Sabha will be untenable". It therefore recommended expulsion. Quoting Nehru in the Mudgal case, the committee said it would be "unfortunate" to show any laxity.

Further, the committee reminded parliament of the resolution adopted in the Lok Sabha in 1997 at the golden jubilee session which said that "continuous proactive efforts (must be) launched for ensuring greater transparency, probity and accountability in public life so that the freedom, authority and dignity of parliament and other legislative bodies are ensured and enhanced".

Nehru's words and the 1997 resolution are in a sense eternal truths and must apply to the present case. Moitra is accused of making available her parliamentary account to a business tycoon and accepting favours in return. The statement of the businessman—a virtual confession—and the circumstantial evidence available constitute a damning indictment of the MP. If the committee finds this evidence credible and holds her guilty, the consequences are likely to follow the trajectory of past cases. After all, Mudgal had taken just ₹2,700 for extending favours. There can be no "laxity" as Nehru said. The wheels of justice must grind, however harsh it may appear to the MP and her sympathisers. Further, since parliament has declared that it is committed to ensuring "transparency, probity and accountability in public life", it will have to live up to this declaration.

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EKNATH'S JOURNEY OF LOSS AND LEARNING

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HOW do we deal with life-shattering loss? The poignant story of Eknath comes to mind. Eknath was a 16th-century saint-composer of the Marathi *bhakti* canon. He was born and died in the historic town of Paithan in present-day Maharashtra. Paithan was an important place in the *Bhakti* landscape. Eknath's writings are a part of it. He composed a version of the *Bhagavata Purana* and the *Ramayana*, and a body of devotional verse. There is a big religious fair held every March even today at Paithan to commemorate Eknath.

Eknath's mother, Rukmini, told him stories about the life of Sri Krishna, especially about the Lord's divine childhood, which Eknath loved. Eknath's father, Suryanarayan, was a Kulkarni or tax accountant working for the government of Paithan. Located on the east bank of the great and beautiful river Godavari, the town was very nice to live in. Eknath loved Goda, as they called Godavari. The family would go on picnics by the river on holidays, spread a cloth under a shady tree, and peacefully eat lunch as they watched the river flow past.

But one year, when Eknath was eight years old, Paithan was struck by cholera. Funeral pyres burned all day long. Both Suryanarayan and Rukmini died in agony, and suddenly Eknath was an orphan.

The morning brought a stern visitor, determined to do his duty. It was his grandfather, Chakrapani, who had been away that week.

"You will live with me, of course," he told Eknath, who shrank from him. 'Ajoba' as he called Chakrapani, meaning 'grandfather', was very stern. He was a dour disciplinarian who led an austere life, immersed in his work as a Deshpande or tax collector, and in the study of scriptures.

Poor little Eknath. Chakrapani was bent on bringing up his grandson with the strictest of rules. He allowed only the plainest of food in his house and devised a strict timetable for Eknath more suited to an ascetic than to a bereaved eight-year-old boy.

Ajoba did not believe in affectionate words or praise. Such softness, according to his code, weakened the moral fibre. So, he always spoke sternly, and even harshly to Eknath, caning him for mistakes.

Eknath was overwhelmed by this atmosphere. Not a scrap of affection fell his way now. He silently cried himself to sleep at night. He tried to console himself by remembering the tales of Sri Krishna that his mother had told him, and whispering his mother's daily prayer to Ekvira Devi, their family goddess.

The only time Ajoba softened was when he spoke of Bhanudas, Eknath's great-grandfather. Bhanudas had been a great saintly figure. He had gone south to the kingdom of Vijayanagar and with much persuasion brought back the sacred idol of Vithobha (Sri Krishna) to Pandharpur.

"May we go too?" asked Eknath, interested. "You are going to Devagiri to learn the *Vedas* from a proper teacher, don't disgrace me when you go there," said Ajoba curtly.

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> Eknath loved Goda, which was what the locals called Godavari. On holidays, his family would set up a picnic by the river and peacefully eat lunch as they watched the great and beautiful Goda flow past

Janardan Swami, his appointed guru, lived in Devagiri and held religious discourses in the evening. His followers came from all castes and communities. There were even a few Muslims, friends who were attracted by his broadmindedness and powerful storytelling. Eknath felt lonely in the gathering. No one took notice of the solitary boy and he felt awkward and unwelcome.

Janardan Swami began to instruct him in the *Rig Veda* early in the morning and Eknath struggled to learn the complex old metres and hard-edged words. Janardan Swami could not instruct Eknath all day. He was the *killedar* or governor of Devagiri fort and had a thousand duties to attend to. He had accepted Eknath as a pupil only out of respect for Bhanudas.

Eknath struggled hard to find his place. His days took on a rhythm but he constantly pined inside for his lost family life and the Godavari.

One day, a band of pilgrims called on Janardan Swami. They sang and danced at the evening gathering about the beauty and kindness of Vithoba. Eknath's hungry heart lapped it all up and he thought about Sri Krishna more deeply than he ever had.

"Here am I, without anyone to call my own and nobody to love me. And there is Krishna, whom everybody loved even when he was naughty. They say he is everyone's friend. That means he is mine, too," he thought.

This realisation transformed Eknath's life a great deal. From feeling lonely and neglected, he began to feel he had a secret friend in Krishna. He awoke thinking of Krishna. He sat down to study thinking of how Krishna had studied diligently at Rishi Sandipani's *ashram* at Ujjain.

He exercised daily, thinking of Krishna and Balaram wrestling for sport on the banks of the Yamuna. He grew very gentle with his playmates, thinking of how Krishna had protected timid Sudama. Eknath's friends liked him for it and called him home to eat with them.

He went to sleep thinking of little Krishna's courage as he faced and destroyed one demon after the other. He ate rice and curds with new relish, for this was the very lunch that Mother Yashoda regularly packed for Krishna when he went to graze the cows. His studies improved with this new cheerfulness and Janardan Swami took note. He took a fresh interest in Eknath and instructed him on important literary and spiritual matters. Several years passed fruitfully like this, but Ekanath could never forget his lost paradise, Paithan.

One day Janardan Swami said, "Your studies with me are complete. You are free to go where you please. You may come back to me any time."

Eknath took leave gratefully and left Devagiri forever. He lived in Paithan thereafter, teaching a few students for a living. His grandfather had passed away and he had no earthly ties left. Scarred emotionally by his boyhood loss, he never married, choosing the pleasure and peace of study over the unending cycle of attachment and bereavement that went with family life.

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Gaza protest

Ref: *Kerala Gaza protest is appeasement politics* (Nov 19). Though people enjoy the right to express their solidarity with Palestinians, hosting a virtual address from an outfit regarded globally as a terrorist group is a sad state of affairs. Such actions are blemishes on India's anti-terrorism stand.
K Ruthvik Goud, Vizianagaram

Baby step

Ref: *Biden-Xi talks: Read the undertones* (Nov 19). The talks carry huge significance amid growing economic and geopolitical mayhem. Though China and the US are interdependent, China's doublespeak and hidden agendas create a lack of trust. As a first step, they should strive to bring the wars in Ukraine and West Asia to an end. This will put the global economy on the right track.
Rajarao Kumar, Bengaluru

Comfortable pilgrimage

Ref: *Avoid missteps this Sabarimala season* (Nov 18). Post the flood, no corrective actions have been taken to restore even basic facilities such as the resting place in Pampa. Pilgrims are compelled to rest under the scorching sun and are also exposed to rain. It becomes more difficult for children and the elderly.
Kannoth Gopalakrishnan, email

Fishers' arrests

Ref: *SL navy arrests 22 more Indian fishers* (Nov 19). The recurring arrests of Indian fishermen by the Sri Lankan Navy highlight the persistent issue of maritime boundary disputes. Efforts should be made diplomatically to address these challenges and ensure the safety of fishermen during adverse weather conditions.
Shyam K J, Chandigarh

End wars

Ref: *End beneficiaries of the war economy* (Nov 19). After the advent of nuclear weapons, people thought that there wouldn't be wars. The ongoing Ukraine war and Israel-Hamas war have disproved this belief. War is not the solution; it increases defence spending and decreases the GDP of participating nations. Economic sanctions against these nations won't work because necessity knows no rules, laws or regulations.
S Ramakrishnasayee, Chennai

Safety essential

Ref: *Woman devotee found dead in private temple in TN's Salem, priest arrested* (Nov 19). This tragic incident underscores the vulnerability of individuals seeking solace in places of worship. The alleged heinous act by the priest reveals a betrayal of trust. It's a stark reminder of the need for enhanced safety measures in religious spaces.
Aiswarya Ajith, Kochi

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Himanta Biswa Sarma @himantabiswa
The Agriculture Department has supplied necessary pesticides and sprayers to contain the spread of the rice ear-cutting caterpillar or mythimna separata.

Mamata Banerjee @MamataOfficial
Sad to find that railway fares are steeply increasing....Where will common people go in case of emergencies?

Akhilesh Yadav @yadavakhilesh
It is the responsibility of the BJP government to safely rescue the workers trapped in the Uttarkashi tunnel

Over 700 bills by private members pending in LS

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

MORE than 700 private member bills are pending in the Lok Sabha to date. Many of these bills were introduced in June 2019 soon after the present Lok Sabha was formed. The bills were tabled as recently as August this year during the monsoon session of Parliament.

The winter session of parliament is all set to start on December 4 and will continue till December 22 with a strong possibility of both Houses witnessing uproar over the controversy over cash-for-query involving TMC leader Mahua Moitra and other issues.

Private member bills are the measures introduced by MPs in their personal capacity. The aim of bringing a private bill is to highlight new laws that an MP thinks should be introduced or changes they believe are necessary in the existing statutes.

According to a Lok Sabha bulletin issued on Friday, as many as 713 such bills are pending in the Lok Sabha.

To introduce a private member's bill during a session, a private member may provide a maximum of three notices. Such a bill is intended to alert the government to problems with the current legal system that certain MPs believe call for legislative action.

These bills generally deal with issues like bringing a Uniform Civil Code, gender equality, climate change, agriculture, amendment to the existing criminal and electoral laws and amending constitutional provisions and others.

As per parliamentary rules, the second half of every Friday during the session is reserved for the members to introduce or discuss private member bills or resolutions in both Houses.

According to the rules, soon after a debate on a private member bill is over, the minister concerned has to respond or request the member to withdraw it.

Of the 300 or so private members' bills introduced in the 14th Lok Sabha, barely 4% were discussed; 96% lapsed without even a single debate in the House. To date, Parliament has passed a total of 14 private members' bills.

Judges appointment: SC to hear plea against 'delay'

Court will also hear on Monday petition against 'wilful disobedience'

JAISON WILSON @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court will hear on Monday two petitions, including the one alleging a delay on the Centre's part in clearing the names recommended by the collegium for appointment and transfer of judges.

A bench of Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul, Sudhanshu Dhulia and Sandeep Mehta had earlier scheduled for Monday the hearing of two pleas -- one on delay by the Centre and the other on "wilful disobedience" of the time-frame laid down by the apex court in its April 20, 2021 order to facilitate a timely appointment of judges.

In the previous hearing on November 7, the top court had expressed concerns about "selective pick and choose" on the appointment of judges suggested by the collegium for appointment to the higher judiciary.

The apex court had also expressed concerns over the pendency of names recommended for transfer from one high court to another.

"The pendency of transfer matters is an issue of great concern as it has been selectively done. The attorney general submits that the issue is being taken up by him with the government," the bench had said.

"We have emphasised to him again that once these people are already appointed as judges, where they perform j dicial duties should not really be a matter of concern to the government and we hope that a situation would not come to pass where this court or the collegium has to take a decision which would not be palatable," it had said.

Prior to that, the top court had also said in the appointment process, that when the government appoints somebody and doesn't appoint others, the "very premise of seniority gets disturbed".

"This pick and choose creates a lot of problems," observed Justice Kaul, who is also a member of the apex court collegium.

The top court had said 14 recommendations were pending with the government to which there has been no response.

It had also said there were five names pending either after a second-time reiteration or otherwise for quite some time and this issue was also required to be addressed.

"The attorney general requests for some time to have a fruitful discussion on this behalf with the government," the bench had noted in its November 7 order.

The appointment of judges through the collegium system has often become a major flashpoint between the Supreme Court and the Centre, with the mechanism drawing criticism from different quarters.

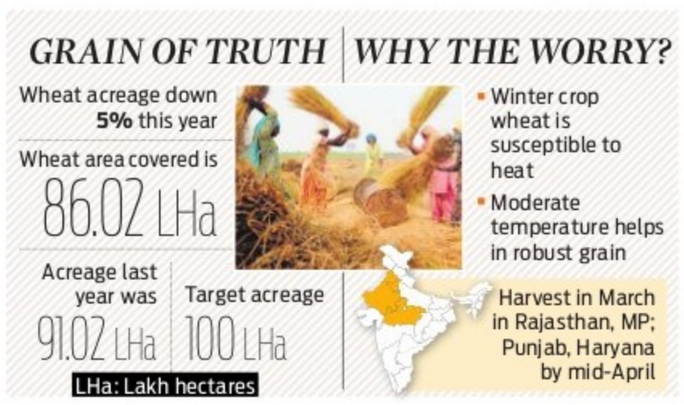
ALSO IN TOP COURT

CJI-led bench to hear TN, Kerala petitions against 'delay' by governors

The Supreme Court is scheduled to hear on Monday two separate pleas of the Tamil Nadu and Kerala governments, alleging a delay by the respective state governors in giving assent to bills passed by the assemblies. A bench of Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and Justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra is scheduled to hear the pleas. The Tamil Nadu Assembly re-adopted 10 bills in a special sitting on Saturday. The bills, covering different departments, including law, agriculture and higher education, were passed in the wake of Ravi returning those on November 13. The re-adopted bills were later sent to the governor for his assent. On November 10, describing the alleged delay by the Tamil Nadu governor in giving assent to the bills as a "matter of serious concern", the top court sought the Centre's response on the state government's petition accusing the Raj Bhawan of "sitting over" 12 legislations.

Delay in sowing of wheat likely to expose crop to heatwave, fear experts

JITENDRA CHOUBEY @ New Delhi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Wheat acreage down 5% this year
Wheat area covered is
86.02 LHa
Acreage last year was
91.02 LHa
Target acreage
100 LHa
LHa: Lakh hectares
WHY THE WORRY?
Winter crop wheat is susceptible to heat
Moderate temperature helps in robust grain
Harvest in March in Rajasthan, MP; Punjab, Haryana by mid-April

DELAY in the sowing of wheat in the ongoing rabi season is becoming a cause of concern as it will expose the crop to more heatwave-like conditions impacting the productivity and quality of wheat grains. The staple food grain production has been severely impacted in the last two years due to the extreme heat.

The spillover of the monsoon till the third week of October had delayed the paddy harvest and the sowing of wheat. In eastern India, harvesting of paddy is yet to start.

According to the latest data, the wheat acreage is five per cent down compared to the previous year with 86.02 lakh hectares (LHa) compared to 91.02 LHa of the previous year. Till last week, the deficit was 11 per cent. The government is planning to bring in 100 LHa under the wheat acreage by month's end.

The winter crop is more susceptible to heat. The moderate temperature of February-March helps the wheat flower to take shape into a robust grain. Wheat gets ready to harvest in Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh by late March and in Punjab and Haryana by mid-April.

This year, the concern of scientists and government officials is not unwarranted.

The El Nino weather phenomenon is stronger the last year and will lead to a relatively warmer winter which is adverse to the wheat crops.

However, some scientists dismiss the warning. "The two heat tolerant wheat seeds varieties DBW 187 and DBW 303 will neutralise impact," Gyanendra P Singh, Director, Indian Institute of Wheat and Barley Research told this newspaper.

MoS Muraleedharan travels to Kenya ahead of William Ruto's Delhi visit

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

AHEAD of Kenyan President William Ruto's official visit to Delhi on December 5, V Muraleedharan, Minister of State for External Affairs and Parliamentary Affairs of India will pay official visits to the United Republic of Tanzania and the Republic of Kenya.

"The visit begins on November 20 for three days and a 30 member business delegation from India will be accompanying him. He will first visit Tanzania and later Kenya," according to the Ministry of External Affairs.

Muraleedharan will first land in Zanzibar where he is expected to call on President Hussein Ali Mwinyi and hold discussions with other ministers. He will also visit the Campus of IIT Madras in Zanzibar.

"He will also travel to Dar-es-Salaam for bilateral discussions with the leadership of Tanzania and chair a business meeting along with his Tanzanian counterpart that will bring together the Indian business delegation with their Tanzanian counterparts with the objective of increasing bilateral trade and investment flows between the two countries," said MEA. Muraleedharan will arrive in Kenya on November 22

"The MoS will call on the top leadership of the country and co-chair an India-Kenya Business Meet being organised in association with the Government of Kenya," says MEA. The visit is expected to strengthen India's strong bilateral relations with these countries.

POWER GAMES

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Dehadrai's cross-examination

EXASPERATED MPS AND THE PROBLEM OF PRONOUN

I received a legal notice from Jai Anant Dehadrai through his lawyer Md Tasnimul Hassan, in respect of my article titled "Mahua Moitra Trial: Memory loss, Desi Ghee and the issue of locus" published on November 6, 2023, as part of my weekly column "Power Games" in this paper.

The subject matter of the said article was the cross-examination of Dehadrai by the Lok Sabha Ethics Committee following his complaint against Mahua Moitra, MP, to the CBI in the form of an affidavit in which he has accused her of misusing her parliamentary privilege by asking questions in Parliament in exchange for gifts and cash.

In his legal notice, Dehadrai called my news report "misleading, defamatory and completely false..." He has specifically raised objections to three points in said report, and I would like to give a point-wise reply to his objections:

Objection 1: That I have wrongly written in my report that "The Chairman of the committee intervened at this point and told Dehadrai 'aap zyada pareshan na hon, aap ne purana desi ghee nahi khaya hai, iss liye kam yaad hai. Jo kuch aap ko pataa tha, bataa diya (Don't fret so much, You haven't eaten desi ghee, that's why you remember so little. You've already shared with us what you know)." In respect of this quote, Dehadrai's lawyer says: "this statement was not directed at my client. It was a separate conversation between the Hon'ble Chairperson of the committee and Shri Danish Ali, MP, which you have maliciously and deliberately misattributed towards my client to show him in a negative light and to malign his reputation in the eyes of public at large."

My Reply: At the outset, I would like to clarify that I have never met either Jai Anant Dehadrai or Mahua Moitra and have no history of bitterness with either of them. Therefore, there is no reason for me to malign or defame either of them, and that was not my intent. As for Objection 1, I would like to point out that it is not correct to say that the contents of the quote were "not directed" towards Dehadrai. On re-checking, I found that the Chairman was indeed addressing Danish Ali, MP, when he said "Aap gambhir mat hoiye. Main kewal ye bol raha hoon ki agar aap jaisi yaddasht sab ki na ho, aur sab ne purana desi ghee na khaya ho, unko jo yaad tha unhone bol diya, baki affidavit mein de diya. (Don't get so serious. All I am saying is that if everyone doesn't have a memory like you, and they have not eaten old desi ghee, whatever he could recall, he has said, rest he has mentioned in the affidavit.) The Chairman's comment leaves little doubt that he refers to Dehadrai when he says, "if everyone doesn't have a memory like you (the MP) and haven't eaten old desi ghee". This is because in the very next sentence, referring to Dehadrai, the Chairman says, "unko jo yaad tha, unhone bol diya". The Chairman was addressing Danish Ali but was referring to Dehadrai. Instead of addressing Dehadrai in the first person, the Chairman addressed him in the third person. Since the inference is clear, the objection raised regarding the quote is merely semantic.

Objection 2: That the conversation mentioned in Objection 1 "was a separate conversation between Hon'ble Chairperson of the Committee and Shri Danish Ali, MP".

My Reply: The conversation mentioned in Objection 1 was very much a part of Dehadrai's cross-examination by the Ethics Committee. The said comment was made during Dehadrai's cross-examination on 26.10.2023. It was not "a separate conversation between the Hon'ble Chairperson of the Committee and Shri Danish Ali, MP", as claimed in the legal notice. It would, therefore, be far from the truth to say that the news report is "completely false".

Objection 3: That Dehadrai did not use the phrase "I do not remember".

My Reply: The phrase was used by an MP, who requested the Chairman to place on record Dehadrai's refusal to reply to questions during his cross-examination by Members of Parliament belonging to the Ethics Committee. The MP said, and I quote: "In his verbal examination, Dehadrai has said 11 times 'I do not remember', but it is in the affidavit. It looks like this affidavit was prepared by someone else and he has merely signed it." The phrase "I do not remember" was, therefore, part of the proceedings of the Ethics Committee. And it was attributed to Dehadrai.

My news report was, therefore, not based on "hearsay and whataboutery" as claimed in the legal notice. It was based on definite information about the proceedings of the Ethics Committee. I, however, apologise for the minor aberrations in the report, which do not dispute the spirit and substance of its content.

Documentaries add to IFFI '23 glamour in Goa

PARVEZ SULTAN @ Goa

A docu-montage section featuring a mosaic of compelling documentaries from across the world is among the new features added to the glamour of International Film Festival of India (IFFI) this year.

The addition marks India's Oscar entry in the field and highlighted the growing importance of documentaries in film making at present. The award for best web series on OTT has also been introduced this year.

The nine-day festival will kick start with the international premiere of 'Catching Dust', the mind catching drama thriller by award-winning British filmmaker Stuart Gatt in Goa on Monday.

Hollywood actor-producer Michael Douglas will receive the Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award.

Union minister for information and broadcasting Anurag Thakur on Sunday said that in an age where technology continues to reshape the way we consume content, film festivals remain a testament to the enduring appeal of cinematic experience.

"IFFI has become a perfect platform for establishing collaborations, joint productions and cutting – edge technology and IFFI has been growing every year due to the passion of our film makers and collaborations with directors and film makers," he said.

The other highlights of the 54th edition of IFFI is world premiere of recently restored seven Indian classics including Dev Anand's Guide released in 1965 and a biopic in Bengali Vidyapati (1937) directed by Debaki Bose. Recently preserved films, which will screened during the festival, are Shyamchi Aai (Marathi/1953), Patala Bhairavi (Telugu/ 1951), Haqeeqat (Hindi/1964), Chorus (Bengali/1974), and Bees Saal Baad (Hindi/1962).

Also, three internationally restored films will also be showcased including The Exorcist Extended Director's cut (1973) and 1965's melodrama Shadows of Forgotten Ancestors.

This year more than 270 films will be showcased at the festival. IFFI has received an overwhelming response this year with 2,926 entries from 105 countries, three times more international submissions than last year, said the officials.

The festival will have 13 World Premieres, 18 International Premieres, 62 Asia and 89 India Premieres. There are 32 entries in 10 languages from 15 OTT platforms for Best Web Series (OTT) Award. According to the officials, 15 feature films (12 International films and 3 Indian films) will compete for the coveted Golden Peacock award. Director of the festival, Prithul Kumar said the best web series award is aimed at acknowledging, encouraging and honouring, the flourishing content and its creators of OTT platforms.

An exhibition with immersive visual content has also been set up by the Central Bureau of Communication, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, which will allow cine enthusiasts to learn about films through interactive displays. Entry is free for all.

Open Air Screenings will also be held for the public at three locations.

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Six years after framing policy, NHAI rejigs hiring of consultants, advisors

PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

ABOUT six years after the policy was introduced to engage consultants or advisors as 'external' and 'young' professionals, the National Highways Authority of India has come up with a standard operating procedure (SoP) to streamline extension of tenure, acceptance of premature resignation and enhancement of remuneration.

For grant of extension of tenure, the reporting officer will need to forward the proposals along with recommendations from the units concerned and annual performance report at least three months prior to the expiry of their term of engagement. According to the SoP, besides various details like monthly remuneration, the proposals should contain 'detailed justification for extension'.

The proposals of external professionals (EPs) will be put up before the chairman of NHAI and requests related to young professionals (YPs) will be placed before the member (administration) for approval.

Extension to EPs beyond three years will only be considered and accorded approval in 'exceptional cases'.

The NHAI has been engaging EPs and YPs with an objective to create an additional resource base of quality professionals for various purposes such as project design, procurement, monitoring, land acquisition, performance management, greening of highways, legal cases, finance and accounts. EPs are retired officers who have served in Government offices, public sector undertakings, or autonomous bodies.

The contract period will get automatically terminated as the end of contract unless specifically extended in writing by the competent authority.

"In no case, the services of EPs or YPs should be continued or availed beyond approved period of contract...All proposals for acceptance of premature resignation of EPs/ YPs should be forwarded to the concerned administration division for seeking approval of member (administration) or chairman, as the case may be, at least 30 days before the proposed date of relieving," read the SoP.

There is also a provision in the SoP for waiver of notice period. "In case of proposals requiring waiver of notice period of one month, the justification of should also be provided for the same," it states.

The existing policy for engagement envisages five percent enhancement of remuneration every year. However, the NHAI has decided that in case of extension of fresh term, 5% increase will be given based on the emolument of previous year or term.

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AKADEMI AWARDEE DIES

Eminent theatre director and Sangeet Natak Akademi awardee Mushtaq Kak passed away in Jammu on Sunday. He has directed more than 100 plays and acted in a number of Hindi movies.

03 FAMILY MEMBERS DROWNED IN MAHARASHTRA

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	42	27	Mumbai	35	29
Bhopal	43	28	Panaji	32	28
Jaipur	41	30	Patna	41	27
Amritsar	40	23	Lucknow	42	27
Chennai	39	30	Port Blair	34	28
Kolkata	36	26	Imphal	23	18
Srinagar	18	08	Chandigarh	42	23

■ BJP targets Cong in Raj's Shekhawati belt over 'graft' ■ Caste census emerges as central theme of Cong campaign

Cong engaged in match fixing: Modi on Jat turf

Congress people are engaged in match-fixing. What runs will the Congress score? Those who are left out are becoming hit wicket by making wrong statements on women

Narendra Modi, PM

'Graft & paper leak'

The PM has continued to hit out at the rivals over controversy surrounding paper leaks and corruption in govt schemes while promising to cleanse the system if BJP comes to power. He also alleged that due to his alleged involvement in the leak, many of his relatives also became officers in the state services

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

With the World Cup fever gripping the country, Prime Minister Narendra Modi used cricket phrases in election rallies in Rajasthan on Sunday to launch a scathing attack on the ruling Congress. Speaking at an election rally in Taranagar, Churu, on Sunday, PM Modi targeted the Ashok Gehlot-Congress government for internal dissensions and involvement in "match-fixing."

He referred to the fiction between CM Ashok Gehlot and his former deputy Sachin Pilot, saying the rift between the two all through the past five years was like both trying to "run each other out."

The PM also slammed senior Gehlot minister Shanti Dhariwal for his controversial remarks on women atrocities in Rajasthan, saying he had become a "hit wicket" by his remarks on women.

The PM said Congress leaders were so deep into corruption that they were indulging in a kind of "match-fixing."

"The entire country is full of enthusiasm for cricket. Congress leaders are busy running each other out. Congress people are engaged in match-fixing. What runs will the Congress people score? Those who are left out are becoming hit wickets by making wrong statements on women and other issues. The rest accept bribes and do match-fixing," said the PM.

The PM held two rallies in the Jat-dominated Shekhawati region, where he raised the issue of a recent confrontation between CM Gehlot and Vice President Jagdeep Dhankad who comes from the Jat community and belongs to the Shekhawati region. Modi criticized Gehlot for objecting to the visits of the Vice President before the elections. "People of Shekhawati are entrepreneurs. Congress is also angry with them. We made Jhunjhunu's son Jagdeep Dhankhar the Vice President. That also did not suit Congress," said the PM.

The Jats are mainly an agricultural community. The PM highlighted how his government had provided urea at a very low price of Rs 300 whereas the same quantity is sold at Rs 3,000 in other neighbouring countries. The PM also promised to double the Kisan Samman Nidhi and deposit Rs 12,000 in farmers' accounts annually once a BJP government is formed on December 3, the day when election results are announced.

The PM questioned the competence of the Congress team and targeted state Congress chief GS Dotasra, who comes from Shekhawati region, on his links with the mafia involved in paper leak scams in the state. He said that due to his alleged involvement, his relatives became officers in the state services.

Dalits need positions in power structure: Rahul

Modi cannot do caste census...he can do anything for Adani. Caste census can be done only by Congress. When asked about census, Modi says there is no caste in the country

Rahul Gandhi, Congress leader

DECIDE

'Benefits to biz men'

Rahul forcefully responded to the charge that his party is an anti-Dalit party. He alleged the Modi govt was being run by a group of officers who are non-Dalits. He also accused the government of facilitating benefits to a section of industrialists.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Jaipur

RAHUL Gandhi yet again raised the pitch for a caste census in the country in his election rallies in east Rajasthan on Sunday. This is the region where the Congress did well in the last elections. It was in this region where PM Narendra Modi alleged on Saturday that the Congress was an anti-Dalit party.

Rahul on Sunday responded by saying that it was not enough for Dalits to occupy some "decorative high positions." What was required, he said, was a greater participation of them in the power structures and institutions of the country.

Addressing an election rally in Bundi district, Rahul linked caste census to the influence of bureaucracy in the Modi government. "Everyone has a misconception that the country is being run by Parliament and the MLAs. It is not so; the country is being run by 90 officers. Of them, the number of tribals, backward classes and Dalits is only 7."

Highlighting the urgency of a caste census, Rahul said it was clear that benefits could be provided to Dalits and backward classes only on the basis of a caste census. "Indian children want to become IAS and not MPs, MLAs because the country is run by government officials," Rahul said. He said that the lifelong term of officers, as opposed to the fixed five-year tenure of elected representatives, curtails the participation of Dalits and tribals in decision-making processes.

"Narendra Modi cannot do caste census...he can do it for Adani. Caste census can be done only by Rahul Gandhi and Congress," said Rahul. He painted a transformative picture for the country once the caste census is actualized.

Accusing the Modi government of dispensing one-sided benefits to industrialists, Rahul also underscored the need for a caste census as a critical tool to rectify economic disparities in the country. "When Prime Minister Narendra Modi is asked about caste census and to get full participation of OBCs, he says that there is no caste in the country, there is only one caste, that is poverty."

Despite Modi's rhetoric, Rahul said the government had failed to accord full rights to the marginalized communities.

He also alleged that PM Modi waived a staggering Rs 14 lakh crore in loans for billionaires like Adani, benefiting a select few, none of whom belonged to the Dalit, tribal, or backward classes. This, he claimed, was money extracted from common people in the form of GST. Expanding on his perspective on India, he said in his view, the poor, the elderly, the backward, the Dalits, and the tribals are Mother India.

RANCHI DIARY

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State to provide pulses for ₹1/ kg a month

Jharkhand aims to become the first state in the country to provide pulses at ₹1/kg per month to the food security scheme beneficiaries by rolling out the distribution through ration shops from this month. As of now, under the state food security scheme, 35 kg food grains at the rate of ₹1/ kg are being provided every month to nine lakh families. Under the priority household scheme, 5kg food grains per person are being made available to 2.28 crore people at subsidized rates. According to officials, over ₹550 crore has already been allocated in the current fiscal for this purpose which is expected to benefit nearly 65 lakh people.

Actor from Jharkhand to inspire voters

Actor of TV serial *Bhabhi Ji Ghar Par Hain*, Vijay Singh, will soon be appointed State Icon for election-related awareness work in Jharkhand. Singh, who hails from Hazaribagh, is seen teaching values to people as the role of 'Sanskaari Master Ji' in the show. Now, he will cooperate as a state icon for voter awareness in Jharkhand. Singh will continue to make people aware and motivate people for voter registration and voting through his audio-video messages till the Lok Sabha elections. He took acting as a career after graduating from the National School of Drama, Delhi.

Prez to release Hanuman Chalisa in 'Olchiki'

President Draupadi Murmu will release 'Hanuman Chalisa' translated into Olchiki (script of Santhal tribals) by Rabilal Hansda, a B.Ed Sanskrit student from Lal Bahadur Shastri Vishwavidyalaya, Delhi. Hansda, a resident of Jamtara, took about six months to translate Hanuman Chalisa. According to him, there were no teachers of Santali as an optional subject in Singhvahini plus-two School of Kundhit, which led him to chose Sanskrit and gradually developed interest in the subject and decided to study it further. He said, "There are many incidents in Hindu scriptures which give us the pride of being Sanatani. Tradition of tribals has been eternal."

Murder of Cong MLA's key aide kicks up row

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

KILLING of sitting MLA and Congress candidate's close aide allegedly by the BJP candidate in Rajnagar assembly constituency of Chhatarpur district - just a few hours before the November 17 assembly polls – is turning out to be a major flashpoint between the ruling and main opposition parties.

Former CM and Congress MP Digvijaya Singh protested with party workers outside the Khajuraho police station in Chhatarpur overnight, demanding arrest of the BJP candidate Arvind Pateria in the November 17 murder case.

On the other hand, a BJP delegation led by state party chief VD Sharma, submitted a memorandum at the chief electoral officer (CEO-MP) office on Sunday, accusing the Rajnagar police station in-charge and SP of booking the BJP candidate (who is said to be close to the state BJP chief) falsely in the murder case. They claimed that the MLA's aide was actually killed in road accident.

In 34 MP constituencies, women power prevails

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

Showing the way

- Total number of seats: **230**
- Voter turnout: **77.15%**
- Women voter turnout was higher in **34 seats**
- 24 of such seats were in the Vindhya region
- Male voter turnout: **78.21%**
- Female voter turnout: **76.03%**

UNPRECEDENTED voting by female voters, particularly in 34 out of the total 230 assembly seats in the November 17 assembly polls, have raised the hopes of the ruling BJP as well as the prime opposition Congress, about their women centric schemes and poll promises clicking with the targeted segment.

Biggest ever voter turnout of 77.15% in the November 17 polls to the 230 assembly seats was reported, which was higher than the 75.63% polling of 2018 polls and 72.69% voting of the 2013 polls.

Gender wise break-up of voters revealed that 78.21% male voters exercised their franchise, which was just 2.18% more than the 76.03% female voter turnout (the difference in the 2018 polls was 1.95% in the 2018 polls).

However, on 34 out of the total 230 seats, the women voters outvoted the male voters in the November 17 elections. Out of those 34 seats, 24 were from the 30-seats strong Vindhya region, which was swept by the ruling BJP by winning 24 seats in the 2018 polls.

The number of such seats where females outvoted the males stood at much higher 51 seats in the 2018 polls.

The most unprecedented voting by females was reported from seats of Rewa, Sidhi, Satna and Shahdol districts of Vindhya region, with the male-female comparative numbers being upto 8% to 9% in the favour of the fairer sex on seats.

DECIDE

Women voters set to play key role in 50 of 90 seats in C'garh

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

CHHATTISGARH, besides known to have an impressive sex ratio compared to the national average, has also more women electorates than men. In the two-phase assembly polls, interestingly, the state witnessed participation of more women than men in exercising their right to franchise.

In as many as 50 assembly segments out of the ninety constituencies, more women than men turned out to cast votes. They outnumbered men by over 60 thousand in voting.

It is speculated that the women-centric proposed schemes by the political parties may have made a difference that led to a rise in women showing up at polling booths

The encouraging participation by women who decided to vote also led to higher turnout in 74 assembly seats compared to the 2018 assembly elections.

MEN OUTNUMBERED

Total no of seats is 90

Women outshine men in 50 seats

Women contributed to higher voter turnout in **74 seats**

76.31% OVERALL TURNOUT

NUMBER OF WOMEN VOTERS 10,256,865

NUMBER OF WOMEN WHO VOTED 7,812,631

As per the final count released by the Election Commission of India (ECI), the Chhattisgarh recorded an overall 76.31 percent turnout.

Out of the 10,256,865 women there were 7,812,631 who voted, giving an impression of awareness of their rights. And 7,748,612 men out of the 10,135,543 male electorates had participated in voting.

Chhattisgarh, since its creation as a separate state, has witnessed bipolar politics being a direct contest between the BJP and the Congress.

This time the Congress has given tickets to 18 women while the BJP has fielded 15 in the fray in the midst of the aggressive campaigns when the women's reservation bill also emerged as a poll plank for the parties during the campaign.

Recognising the women's strength and their role as influential voters in Chhattisgarh polls, the BJP and the Congress gave various assurances.

Farmers await 'red gold' amid bumper harvest

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

SAFFRON SEASON

Valley is expecting a record saffron harvest

Reason Timely rain, suitable weather | **Area** maximum production in Pulwama

Past years: 15.62 MT in 2021, 15.54 MT in 2022

Harvest time October 15 to November 10 | **Price** ₹2 lakh per kg

JEHANGIR Bashir, a saffron grower in Pampore of south Kashmir's Pulwama district is delighted. It took a whole day for him to cultivate his farmland.

"This year, it took us [our family members and friends] the whole day to harvest the saffron yield. In previous years, it used to take us 15-60 minutes to harvest the crop," Bashir said. "This year, the crop has blossomed at its ripe time. The yield will be bumper," he added.

The saffron, also known as "red gold" for its special aroma, flavour and colouring agent, is mostly cultivated in Pampore and adjoining areas in south Kashmir. According to revenue records, nearly 3,700 hectares of land in Jammu and Kashmir is covered under saffron cultivation. Of it, over 3,650 hectares are in Kashmir while 50 are in Kishtwar. In the valley, a maximum 3,300 hectares of saffron land is in Pulwama while remaining in Srinagar and Budgam districts.

Last year, Kashmir produced 15.62 metric tonnes of saffron while in 2021, it was 15.54 metric tonnes.

Like Bashir, most of the saffron growers in Kashmir are rejoiced as the valley may see a record saffron yield this year owing to timely rainfall and conducive climatic conditions.

In the saffron fields of Pampore, which is also known as 'saffron town', there is a festive atmosphere with the men, women, children and elderly people busy harvesting the yield in their fields.

Another saffron grower Khurshid Ahmed said it is after many years that he is expecting a record bumper saffron yield this year.

"Everybody is happy as people have worked very hard in their fields," Ahmed said. He, however said the yield would have been much higher had the proper irrigation facilities been provided to the growers by the agriculture department.

"As many as 128 borewells were dug up to provide drip irrigation facilities to the saffron fields but unfortunately only a few are functional," Ahmed claimed.

Over the "non-availability" of irrigation facilities, the director of the agriculture department Kashmir Choudhary Mohammad Iqbal said, "We are working to improve the irrigation facilities in the fields. Engineering work is underway."

Iqbal said the way saffron fields are in bloom, there will be a bumper crop. "There was a delay of one week due to snow and rain in the upper reaches. The saffron needs a temperature of 19-21 degrees and once it improved, the saffron flowers blossomed and we are witnessing a bumper crop," the director said.

The agriculture department is working on a trial basis to start saffron cultivation in north and central Kashmir as well, he added. The harvesting of saffron starts from October 15 and continues till November 10. The growers pick up saffron flowers 6-7 times from their fields during the harvesting.

The per kg GI-tagged saffron comes for ₹2 lakh per kg. Saffron production in Kashmir, which is mostly cultivated in Pampore in south kashmir's Pulwama district near the National Highway, crossed 13.36 tonnes in 2020, the most in a decade, which can be attributed to the introduction of a government scheme.

Assam zoo gets its first giraffe calf, citizens rush to name new inmate

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

ASSAM Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma expressed his happiness over the birth of a giraffe calf on platform 'X'. He initiated a game of naming the calf by asking for suggestions. Some wanted to name her Maloti; another wanted that she should be named Apoorva while another believed Himanta is a befitting name. The calf's roots are in Africa but she is an Assamese by birth.

The announcement was made on Sunday morningas the Assam State Zoo-cum-Botanical Garden, widely known as Guwahati Zoo, welcomed the female calf. "Happy to share that the Assam State Zoo has been blessed with a cute baby Giraffe just three days ago. Any suggestions for naming the new born?" Sarma had posted on X, formerly Twitter, and shared two photos of the calf.

The netizens wasted no time in coming up with names.

"If it's a male then Bapukon, if it's a female then Maloti is my suggestion," a user wrote replying to Sarma's post.

Another user said, "Apoorva – it means rare in Sanskrit. Giraffes are rare in India. So, my suggestion is Apoorva."

Yet another user wrote that 'Himanta' will be an apt name. "Himanta will be a good name. You are cute too, sir," the user suggested. Some suggested that the calf should be named after the Man of the Match of Sunday's cricket World Cup final. Divisional Forest Officer Ashwini Kumar, who is attached to the zoo, said everyone in the zoo was ecstatic considering that this is for the first time that a giraffe was born in the state. "It's a healthy baby. Her mother is also fine," Kumar told this newspaper.

The calf is the offspring of Vijay and Vijaya. Under an animal exchange programme, Vijay was brought from Mysore in 2019 and Vijaya from Patna in 2022. "It's a great moment for all of us in the zoo," Kumar added.

2 KILLED as gale-force winds and heavy rain and snow hit large parts of Bulgaria on Sunday

GLOBAL WEATHER

Beijing	11	-1	SNY	Los Angeles	18	13	LC
Colombo	28	25	LC	Melbourne	20	10	HR
Dhaka	28	22	SNY	Moscow	21	8	HR
Dubai	39	31	SNY	New York	14	5	LC
Houston	14	14	SNY	Singapore	31	25	SNY
Istanbul	15	4	SNY	Toronto	7	3	LC
London	13	8	LC	Washington	14	2	SNY

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

31 SICK BABIES EVACUATED FROM GAZA HOS

While other critically wounded patients remain at the hospital, these premature infants will be moved to Egypt

KHAN YOUNIS

THIRTY-ONE premature babies were safely transferred from Gaza's main hospital to another in the south on Sunday, and will be moved to Egypt, health officials said, as scores of other critically wounded patients remained stranded there days after Israeli forces entered the compound.

The fate of the newborns at Shifa Hospital had captured global attention after the release of images showing doctors trying to keep them warm. A power blackout had shut down incubators and other equipment, and food, water and medical supplies ran out as Israeli forces battled Palestinian militants outside the hospital.

World Health Organization chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said on social media that the "very sick" babies were evacuated, along with six health workers and 10 staff family members. He said they were taken to a hospital in the southern Gaza city of Rafah where they are receiving urgent care.

A nurse cares for prematurely born Palestinian babies that were brought from Shifa Hospital in Gaza City to the hospital in Rafah | AFP

They were taken in ambulances of the Palestinian Red Crescent.

A WHO team that visited the hospital on Saturday said 291 patients were still there, including the babies, trauma patients with severely infected wounds, and others with spinal injuries who are unable to move.

About 2,500 displaced people, mobile patients and medical staff left Shifa Hospital on Saturday morning, the WHO said. It said 25 medical staff remained, along with the patients. "Patients and health staff with whom they spoke were terrified for their safety and health, and pleaded for evacuation," the agency said, describing Shifa as a death zone.

Israel has long alleged that Hamas maintains a sprawling command post inside and under Shifa, part of its wider accusation that the fighters use civilians as cover. It has portrayed the hospital as a key target in its war to end Hamas' rule in Gaza following the militant group's wide-ranging attack into southern Israel six weeks ago, which killed over 1,200 people and triggered the war. Hamas and hospital staff deny the allegations, and critics have held up the hospital as a symbol of what they say is Israel's reckless endangerment of civilians. *AFP*

YEMEN CLAIMS TO HAVE SEIZED ISRAELI VESSEL

Yemen's Iran-backed Huthi rebels said on Sunday they had seized an Israeli ship in the Red Sea, a claim immediately denied by Israel. The allegation came days after the rebel group threatened to target Israeli vessels in the Red Sea. "We took an Israeli cargo ship to the Yemeni coast," an unidentified Huthi official said in a statement

FRANCE PROVIDES MEDICAL AID TO GAZA

France is preparing to send its Dixmude helicopter carrier to the eastern Mediterranean to offer medical assistance in Gaza, the office of the French president said. The Dixmude will set sail "at the start of the week and arrive in Egypt in the coming days," the office said. A charter flight carrying more than 10 tonnes of medical supplies is also planned

Amidst economic woes Argentina holds crucial polls

BUENOS AIRES

VOTERS in Argentina were heading to the polls Sunday in a presidential runoff election that will determine whether South America's second-largest economy will take a rightward shift.

Populist Javier Milei, an upstart candidate who got his start as a television talking head, has frequently been compared to former US President Donald Trump. He faces Economy Minister Sergio Massa of the Peronist party, which has been a leading force in Argentine politics for decades. On Massa's watch, inflation has soared to more than 140% and poverty has increased. Milei, a self-described anarcho-capitalist, proposes to slash the size of the state and rein in inflation, while Massa has warned people about the negative impacts of such policies.

The highly polarising election is forcing many to decide which of the two they consider to be the least bad option. "Whatever happens in this election will be incredible," said Lucas Romero, director of local political consultancy Synopsis. "It would be incredible for Massa to win in this economic context or for Milei to win facing a candidate as professional as Massa." Voting stations opened at 8 am and close 10 hours later. Voting is conducted with paper ballots, making the count unpredictable, but initial results were expected around three hours after polls close. Milei went from blasting the country's "political caste" on TV to winning a lawmaker seat two years ago. The economist's screeds resonated widely with Argentines angered by their struggle to make ends meet, particularly young men. *AFP*

Bangladesh upholds ban on key opposition Islamist party

DHAKA

Bangladesh's highest court on Sunday upheld a ban on the country's largest Islamist party taking part in polls, lawyers said, as political tensions worsen ahead of key January elections. Jamaat-e-Islami, a major opposition party with millions of supporters, was banned from contesting polls in 2013 after high court judges ruled its charter violated the secular constitution of the Muslim-majority nation of 170 million people.

Jamaat was also barred from participating in elections in 2014 and 2018, and so moved to Supreme Court to challenge the order. Chief Justice Obaidul Hassan dismissed the appeal.

"By virtue of the High Court order, which is upheld by the Supreme Court today, Jamaat as a political party is banned," Ahsanul Karim, one of the lawyers representing the original petitioners, said. *AFP*

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our Client entered into Joint Development Agreement to develop land bearing Sy No.56, measuring 3 Acres, Situated at Khajisonnenahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore with its owner/s SMT. NALINAKSHI W/o Late Sri. Chanabasavaraju .N, and others all are residing at :No.31, Khaji Sonnenahalli Village, Kannamangala, Bangalore 560 067 and wish to proceed further to develop the Schedule Property.

Any person/s who claims any right, title or mortgage or charge or interest of any nature in relation to the Schedule property and/or has objections of any nature to the proposed transaction should lodge such claims and/or objections in writing to the undersigned together with supporting documents within **15 (Fifteen) days** from the date of this notice, failing which it will be deemed that no valid claims or objections subsist and our client would proceed to complete the transaction with the present owner/s.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Agricultural land bearing Sy No.56, measuring 3 Acres, Situated at Khajisonnenahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore and bounded on: **East :** Sarkari Kaluve, **West:** Land belongs to Athimege Sugnanappa, **North:** Land belongs to Siddappa's Basavaraju, **South:** Land belongs to Gannaganooru Thayappa.

R. SURENDRANATH BENARJY, Advocate
14 & 15, 2nd Cross, Kodandarama Reddy Layout , Ramamurthy nagar, Bangalore-16.
Mobile: 9845784151 & 7760013333

PUBLIC NOTICE

General public may note that, my Client **Smt. KRISHNA SINGH** W/o. Sri. Kunwar Dharmendra Singh, Aged about 43 years, R/at Flat No.003, Manorama Mansion, P.T. Street, Basavangudi, Bengaluru-560004, is intended to purchase the schedule property from its owner **Sri. Mahalinge Gowda S/o. Late. Basavarajegowda & his family members,** R/at Honnahalli Village, Sathanur Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara District The said owner Sri. Mahalinge Gowda got the schedule property through the Partition deed dt:18-05-2015 registered vide document No.KNK-1-01587-2015-16, Book No.1, stored in C.D. No. KNKD361 in the office of the sub registrar, at Kanakapura. If any person/s have any claim over the schedule property the same may be intimated in writing along with documents to the undersigned within 15 days from the date of this publication, in the absence of any objection within the above said period, it shall be deemed that, there is no objection and the sale deed will be executed in my client favour without any further reference in this regard.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the agricultural land bearing Survey No.105/1 measuring to an extent of 0-20 guntas (Twenty Guntas) (MR No. H59/2014-15) situated at Honnahalli Village, Sathanur Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara District, bounded on the :-
East by : Property belongs to Shiva Kumar, **West by:** Property bearing Sy.No. 226 Purchaser's Husband K.Dharmendra's property, **North by:** Property belongs to Shiva Kumar, **South by :** Property bearing Sy.No. 105/2 Devaraju's property.

NAGARAJU .K, Advocate
Office: #97/B-1/1,1st Floor, Adjacent to Federal Bank, Kanakapura Main Road, Jayanagar 7th Block, Bangalore - 560 070.
Mob: 97408 53223 Date: 15.11.2023

PUBLIC NOTICE
LOSS OF PROPERTY DOCUMENT

PUBLIC NOTICE: is hereby given to the general public that my clients **Mr. SHABAAZ KHAN , Son of Mr. FIAZ AHMED KHAN AND Mrs. Ayesha Almas** has lost the previous original Sale Deed of **Mrs. HASEENA BAI,** W/o Mr. N A Lasani bearing Reg No.2271-1982-83, Book-I Volume No.2210, at Pages : 73 to 81 dt: 28-10-1982, registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Shivajinagar, Bangalore, Pertaining to the Immovable Property bearing **Site No.34/6, Old No.24,** Harris Road, Benson Town Bangalore – 560 046, and Presently Coming under the Jurisdiction of BBMP, Old Ward No. 91, and New Ward No.61 – S.K Garden, PID No. 91-35-34/6, Bangalore, measuring East to 28' Feet West to 20' feet and North to South: 52' feet, totally measuring 1248 square feet and bounded as follows: East by: Property No.34/5, belongs to Sri.N.Rudrappa, West by: Harris Road Cross, North by: Corporation Vacant Land, South by: Private Property No.34/4.

All people are hereby informed not to deal or carry out any transaction with anyone on the basis of the said missing document and if anyone fond the said missing documents kindly return my clients **Mr. SHABAAZ KHAN** and if anyone has already carried out or being carried out kindly inform our clients **Mr. SHABAAZ KHAN** in writing on the below mentioned address within **15 days** from this present.

Mr. SHABAAZ No.34/6, Harris Road, Opposite to Suzanne Memorial Chruch, Bangalore - 560046, **Mob: 8553333724.**

SAMARA ASSOCIATES
KALEEM BAIG B.Sc.,LLB
492, P & T Colony, Nagawara Main Road, Bangalore – 560 045, Mob: 8553333724

PUBLIC NOTICE

The public are hereby notified that my clients are intending to purchase the immovable residential Unit No.101, on Ground Floor, in D-Block, measuring about 1860 Sq. feet super built up area and Carpet area of 1302 square feet, along with 608 square feet of undivided share of right, title and interest, containing Three bed rooms, together with RCC Roofing, Semi Vitrified flooring along with One covered car parking, in the multistoried residential building known as "ARYAN OPULENCE", constructed in the Sy.No.15/2B measuring 38 guntas and Sy.No.15/8 measuring 1 acre 13 guntas, Ganakallu Village, KengeriHobli, Bangalore South Taluk duly Converted for non-agricultural residential purpose vide Official Memorandum bearing No. ALN(SJ)KH-3/SR/18/15-16 dated 23/3/2016, the boundaries being rectified vide Official Memorandum bearing No. ALN(SJ)KH-3/SR/18/15-16 dated 28/6/2016, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Dist, Bangalore, being bounded on the **East by:** Land bearing survey No.15/2A and survey No.15/2B, **West by:** Land bearing Sy.No.15/1, Sy. No.15/8 and Sy.No.20, **North by:** Mylasandra Village Boundary, and **South by:** Road, from Ravi Prasad N. S/o S Nagaraja, aged about 42 years and Sneha M., W/o Ravi Prasad N, aged about 32 years, Both residing at: No. 431, ITI Layout, GSB Nagar, Nayandahalli, Mysore Road, Bangalore -560039and anybody having objection or having any claims thereover, may submit such objections to the undersigned, within10 days hereof, along with the copies of all the documents being relied upon, failing which, my client will proceed to purchase the property regardless of any such claims or objection.

MADHURI GAIKWAD, Advocate
No.23, Ground Floor, Seshadripuram 1st Main, Bangalore - 560020.
Mob: 9880325978

IN THE COURT OF THE II ADDLE, SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC AT NELAMANGALA
G & WC NO. 90/2023

BETWEEN: Master, P. Grahin S/o Bhuvaneshwari, aged about 9 Years, R/at No.14, 2nd stage, Kanva Layout, Pillahalli Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk- 562123

Represented by his natural guardian & mother since minor Smt. Bhuvaneshwari W/o Late Panchakshri .B, Aged about 40 years R/at No.14, 2nd stage, Kanva Layout, Pillahalli Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk-562123 ... **PETITIONER**

AND: -NIL- RESPONDENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the petitioner Smt, Bhuvaneshwari, have instituted a petition under section 8 & 9 R/w 10 of Indian minority act and Guardianship act 1956 in respect of to the schedule property seeking permission to alienate the same on behalf of Master P. Grahin. Any interested parties are hereby informed to appear at Hon'ble 2nd Addle, senior civil judge and JMFC at Nelamangala Taluk, either in person or by a pleader, duly instructed on the **16-12-2023** at 11 o clock in the forenoon to show cause against the petitioner if any, failing wherein the matter will be heard and determined exparte.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing No.14, katha No.1792 known as Kanva Garden city II stage formed in Sy No.55/2, situated at Pillahalli village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, measuring East to West 40 feet, and North to South 21.50 feet totally measuring 860 sq feet with building and bounded on the: **East by:** Site No.11, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Site No.13, **South by:** Site No.15

Given under my hand and the seal of the court on this 16-11-2023.

By order of the Court, Sheristedar, Court of Senior Civil Judge & JMFC, Nelamangala

RAJAPPA .T Advocate,
No.281, 1st floor, 1st Main, 4th Cross, Manjunath Nagar, Bengaluru-560073,

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, BENGALURU

B.S.N.L. BUILDING, 4TH FLOOR, TELEPHONE HOUSE, RAJ BHAVAN ROAD, BENGALURU-560 001.

O.A.NO.215/2022

Between:
Karnataka Gramin Bank, T.K.Layout Branch, Mysore District ...... **Applicant**
And:
Sri. Mahesh Kumar.N.B.
S/o Sri.Brahma Lingaiah, R/at No.426, First Main, Bhavani Nagar, Gavipuram Extension, Bangalore-560019.
...**Defendant**

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (Viii) OF THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993 BY PAPER PUBLICATION

Whereas the applicant has instituted the application under section 19 of The Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act 1993, against you to repay the applicant bank a sum of **Rs.47,07,100-00** together with current and future interest plus other charges. You are hereby required to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or **on 12.02.2024 at 10.30 a.m.** in the forenoon in person or by a pleader/advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that, in default of your appearance on the day before mentioned, the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of the tribunal on this **26th Day of OCTOBER, 2023.**

BY ORDER OF THE TRIBUNAL
Sd/- REGISTRAR,
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-2, BANGALORE

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform that our client **Mr. U.YESHWARDHAN REDDY,** S/o. U.L.Reddy, residing at Door No.36, Lakeshore Homes, Kasavanahalli off Sarjapura, Bangalore -560 035, Bangalore District, has lost Original Sale Deed Document Nos.19769/2018, 19770/2018, 15243/2008, 5930/2009, 5933/2009, 10351/2012, 10349/2012, 19768/2018, 13908/2008, 19772/2018, 19773/2018, 19774/2018, 18031/2021, 10350/2012, 789/2010, 19775/2018, registered before the office of the Sub Registrar, Hosur. That our client has taken the above said documents in a bag for the purpose of legal opinion on 18.10.2023 and while on the way to advocate office, our client has stopped for lunch at Hotel Fisherman Park, Near S.P Petrol Bunk, Haraluru Road and at that time our client had forgotten the bag in the hotel and the bag was stolen by someone. In this regard our client has lodged a police complaint before the Bellandur Police Station, under Lost Report Reference No.0798018/2023, dated 07.11.2023. If any one finds the said bag which contains the said original documents may be returned to our client or to the undersigned **within 7 days** of this notice; failing which our client presumes that the said original documents are permanently lost and not traceable. If anyone uses the said original documents for any other illegal and unlawful purposes will be punishable under the relevant law

K. ANANDA KUMAR, LL.B., M.S.W.,
Advocate & Notary (GOI),
"SHIRDI & Co." Advocates & Consultants,
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KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through KPP Portal only)

No: SEE/TR(M)/RMGC/EE(O)/AE(T)/F-24/2023-24/2958-60 Date:16.11.2023

KPTCL invites bids for following works.

I. Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE/TR(M)/RMGC/Erection of 11kV SWGS and Associated works/EE(O)/AE(T)/22-23/EPR-371 dated:06.11.2023 for "Combined Package" on partial turnkey basis.

Work 1: Associated works with respect to commissioning of 11kV MCVCB panels of MEI make at 220/66/11kV Receiving station Sarjapura coming under TL&SS Division, Yerrandanahalli .

Work 2: Replacement of deteriorated 11kV annunciator Panel and individual 11kV annunciator units by new simplex panels at 66/11kV S/s Attibele.

Work 3: Providing 1No. of 11kV Bus Coupler for connecting bank-1A and Transformer-2 at 66/11kV S/s Anekal.

Work 4: Providing 1No. of 11kV Bus Coupler and adopter panel for coupling of 11kV Bank-1 and Bank-2 at 66/11kV S/s Jigani .

Work 5: Providing 1No. of 11kV Bus Coupler MCVCB for connecting Bank-2A and 3A at 220/66/11kV R/s Yerrandanahalli.

No:SEE/TR(M)/RMGC/EE(O)/AE(T)/F-24/2023-24/2975-77 Date:17.11.2023

II. Bid Enquiry No: **KPTCL/SEE/TR(M)/RMGC/REPAIR OF TFR/EE(O)/AE(T)/23-24/EPR-405 dated:16.11.2023** for "Dismantling, Transportation (to and fro), Repair, Testing, Erection and commissioning of sick Power Transformer of rating 31.5MVA, 66/11KV, Victory make, Sl. No. 4-0012/7 Failed at 220/66/11kV Jigani R/s in TL&SS, Division, Yerrandanahalli on on total turnkey and Percentage tender basis".

No: SEE/TR(M)/RMGC/EE(O)/AE(T)/F-24/2023-24/2988-90 Date:17.11.2023

III. Bid Enquiry No: **KPTCL/SEE/TR(M)/RMGC/REPAIR OF TFR/EE(O)/AE(T)/23-24/EPR-404 dated:16.11.2023** for "Dismantling, Transportation (to and fro), Repair, Testing, Erection and commissioning of sick Power Transformer of rating 31.5MVA, 66/11KV(3Limbs), BBL make, Sl. No. 4934/12 Failed at 220/66/11Kv Yerrandanahalli R/s in TL&SS, Division, Yerrandanahalli on total turnkey and Percentage tender basis".

No: SEE/TR(M)/RMGC/EE(O)/AE(T)/F-24/2023-24/ 2991-93 Date:17.11.2023

IV. Bid Enquiry No: **KPTCL/SEE/TR(M)/RMGC/REPAIR OF TFR/EE(O)/AE(T)/23-24/EPR-406 dated:16.11.2023** for "Dismantling, Transportation (To & Fro), Repair Of Sick Power Transfromer, Testing, Assembling, Erection And Commissioning Of Repaired Sick Power Transformer Of Rating 20MVA, 66/11kv, Kanohar Make, Sl. No. KT-20000/19 Power Transformer Failed On 15.03.2023 At 220/66/11kv Substation Sarjapura On Total Turn Key Basis On 'Percentage Tender Basis'.

The detailed Notification regarding the subject enquiry in the e-Procurement Portal process can be obtained by logging into KPTCL website: **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on Hyperlink "e-procurement-KPTCL" or e-procurement website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **20.11.2023.** Further details can be had from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele.),
Transmission (Maint.), Ramanagara Circle, KPTCL,
Opp. R.R. Nagar Metro Station, Pantharapalya,
Mysore Road, Bengaluru – 560026.

IN THE COURT OF THE PRINCIPAL SENIOR CIVIL, JUDGE AND CJM AT RAMANAGARAM
O.S No. 217 of 2023

Between: M/s Yashaswini Land Developers, A Registered Partnership firm, Having Office address at No. 50, 5th 'A' Cross, Tata Silk Farm, Jayanagar 6th Block, Bidarahalli, Banashankari II Stage, Bengaluru-560070.

Represented by its Managing Partner **Mrs Sarika Pushpa** W/o Lokeshwara B S, Aged about 51 Years. ...PLAINTIFF

:: AND ::

Shaheen Taj & Others ...DEFENDANTS

SUMMONS TO 4th, 9th, 10th DEFENDANTS BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF CPC

Defendants:
4. Mrs. Nasreen Taj, aged about 34 years, Daughter of Late N. Khaleel, Residing at 5/84, M.K, Building, 8th Main Road, Jayanagar East, Bangalore-500 011.
9. Smt. Pushpa C S, Aged about 63 Years W/o Vidwan N G Rao.
10. Sri Vidwan N G Rao, Aged about 72 Years, S/o Late G N Rao.
Both 9th & 10th defendants are residing at R/o. No. 155 'Samvruddi,' BDA Link Road, Dwaraka Nagar East, 1st Stage, Chennasandra, Bangalore-560098.
...DEFENDANTS

Whereas the plaintiff above named has instituted the above suit for permanent injunctions and declarations as null & void, and you are summoned to appear before the Principal Senior Civil Judge and CJM At Ramanagaram, in person or by a pleader, on the day of **15/12/23 at 11:00 AM** to answer the claim, failing to which the suit would be disposed of Ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this the 16 days of November 2023 at Ramanagaram.

By Order of The Court
Sd/- Sheristedar
Hon'ble Prl Senior Civil Judge and CJM, Ramanagaram.

Advocate for Plaintiff
Chidanand G. Kulkarni,1079, 13th Cross, 11th Main Judicial Layout, Jakkur, Allalasandra (Near Yelahanka) GKVK Post, Bangalore-560065.

SUIT SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residential converted land bearing By Sy. Nos. 27/1, 27/2, 28, 36, 37, 41, and 42, totally measuring 17 Acres 14 Guntas vide Conversion Order No B.D.S.ALN. SR 21/2004-05 dated 12.08.2004 issued by Deputy Commissioner Ramanagara Taluk situated at Lakshmisagara Village, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk, Ramanagara District and bounded on: **East by:** Railway Track; **West by:** Sy. No. 39; **North by:** Lake, Road and Vajrahalli Village; and **South by:** Land belonging to Rahimjaan.

SUIT SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY

Entire Sites (Saleable Area) to be formed in the residential converted land bearing Sy. Nos. 27/1 27/2 28, 36, 37, 41 and 42, totally measuring 17 Acres 14 Guntas vide Conversion Order No. B.D.S ALN.SR 21/2004-05 dated 12.08.2004 issued by the Deputy Commissioner Ramanagara Taluk situated at Lakshmisagara Village, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk, Ramanagara District as per plan approved by the competent authority.

Ramanagaram Sd/-
Date: 21.09.2023 Advocate for Plaintiff

Aptus Value Housing Finance India Ltd.

8B, Doshi Towers, 205, Poonamalle High Road, Kilpauk, Chennai-600 010

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR AUCTION SALE

Whereas the undersigned is the Authorized officer of **Aptus Value Housing Finance India Ltd.**, having registered office one of its place of business at **Aptus Value Housing Finance India Ltd.,** No.8B, Doshi Towers 205, Poonamallee High Road, Kilpauk, Chennai – 600 010.

The undersigned being the authorized officer of **Aptus Value Housing Finance India Ltd** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notice dated 28.10.2019 calling upon the borrowers **1.Mr. S.Jayamala, 2.Mr. C.Shankar and 3.Mrs. Savitha to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being for Rs.21,58,110/- (Rupees Twenty One Lakhs Fifty Eight Thousand One Hundred and Ten Only) & Rs. 7,43,256/-(Rupees Seven Lakhs Forty Three Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Six Only)** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property mortgaged with the Aptus Value Housing Finance India Ltd, described herein below, to recover the said outstanding amount, in exercise of powers conferred on me under Section 13(4) of the Act read with Rule 9 of the Rules **on 29th day of July, 2020.**

Now, The Public In General Is Hereby Informed That The Said Property Would Be Sold By Public Auction On 20.12.2023 between 10:00 Am To 11:00am at **Aptus Value Housing Finance India Ltd.**, #1864, (No.73/433/331), Eeshavasya Santhe Circle, Yelahanka Old Town, Near HDFC Bank, Bangalore- 560 064. by Inviting Bids In The Sealed Envelopes As Per The Procedure And The Terms And Conditions Stated Below:

The Reserve Price of the said Property is Rs. 35,00,000/-(Rupees Thirty Five Lakhs Only)
The earnest money deposit would be Rs. 3,50,000/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Fifty Thousand On

PROCEDURE AND TERMS & CONDITIONS OF PUBLIC AUCTION BY INVITING BIDS:

1. The property can be inspected **on 16.12.2023 between 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.**

2. The Bids shall be submitted in as sealed envelope to the office of undersigned along with a Demand Draft/Pay Order of **Rs. 3,50,000/-** towards the earnest Money Deposit Favouring Aptus Value Housing Finance India Ltd Payable at Yelahanka the earnest money deposit shall not carry any interest.

3. Last date to submit the bid along with Earnest Money Deposit is **on or before 19.12.2023 at 5:00 PM.**

4. Along with the bid from the proposed bidder shall also attach his/her identity proof and the proof of residence such as copy of the Aadhaar, passport, Election commission card, ration card driving license etc and copy of the PAN card issued by the income tax department.

5. On the auction date all the bids so received would be opened and the bid of the highest bidder, provided it is above the reserve price, may be accepted by the company and in no eventuality would the property be sold below the reserve Price. However the bidders personally present at the auction site shall have the right to further enhance their bid price by a minimum sum of Rs.10,000/-, and in the event of higher bid price being offered, the Aptus Value Housing Finance India Ltd., shall have the right to accept the same. Thereafter when the company accept the higher bid, the purchaser will be required to pay deposit of 25% (Twenty-five percent) of the sale price, after adjusting the earnest money deposit, immediately with the undersigned. The balance amount of the purchase price shall be paid by the purchaser to the undersigned on or before fifteen days from the date of auction or such extended period as may be agreed upon in writing between the parties. In default of payment & within the time as mentioned above, company shall be at liberty to forfeit the earnest money deposit and proceed with re-auction of the property. The defaulting purchaser shall forfeit all claims to the property or to any part of the sum for which it may be subsequently sold.

6. All the payments shall be made by the purchaser by means of the demand draft/pay order favouring Aptus Value Housing Finance India Ltd., Yelahanka.

7. On receipt of the sale price in full company shall be issuing a sale certificate in favour of the purchaser.

8. The said immovable property described in the schedule herein below shall remain and be at the sole risk of the purchaser in all respects including loss or damage by fire or theft or other accidents, and other risk from the date of the confirmation of the sale by the undersigned authorized officer. The Purchaser shall not be entitled to annul the sale on any ground whatsoever. The property is being sold with existing encumbrances whether known or unknown to the finance company and the intending bidder shall satisfy himself about the title, ownership, statutory approvals, encumbrances, claims etc., in regard to the property. Any encumbrance that may arise after the date of the notice will also be borne by the purchaser.

9. The Demand Draft/Pay Order deposited towards the earnest money shall be returned to the unsuccessful bidders.

10. For all purposes, sale of the said property is strictly on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and "WITHOUT RECOURSE BASIS".** To the best of the knowledge and information of the authorized officer of company no other encumbrances exist on the property. (Alternatively the said property is being sold subject to charges/encumbrances of borrowers **1.Mr. S.Jayamala, 2.Mr. C.Shankar and 3.Mrs. Savitha for a sum of Rs. 38,51,116 /-(Rupees Thirty Eight Lakhs Fifty One Thousand One Hundred and Sixteen Only) & Rs. 14,58,399 /- (Rupees Fourteen Lakhs Fifty Eight Thousand Three Hundred and Ninety Nine Only).**

11. All expenses relating to stamp duty, registration charges, transfer charges and any other charges in respect of the above referred property shall be borne by the purchaser.

12. The Authorised officer is not bound to accept the highest offer or any or all offers and the company reserves its right to reject any or all bid(s) without assigning any reasons thereof.

13. No person other than the bidders themselves or their duly authorized representative shall be allowed to participate in the auction sale proceedings.

14. In case all the dues together with all cost, Charges and expenses incurred by the Aptus Value Housing Finance India Ltd., are tendered by the above named borrower at any time before the date fixed for the sale of the property, under section 13(8) of the Act. Then the property will not be sold and all bids received from the prospective bidders shall be returned to them without any liability /claim against the company.

15. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

16. This notice is also notice to the above said borrowers 1.Mr. S.Jayamala and .Mr. C.Shankar Both are residing at No: 14, 9th Cross, Lakshmi Layout, Near CPG BPO Road, Industrial Layout, Hangasandra, Bangalore – 560 068 and 3.Mrs. Savitha residing at No: 431, 2nd Cross, Lakshmi Layout, Garve Bhavi Palya, Bommahalli, Bangalore – 560 068.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Site No.14,Khatha No.52/3,BBMP Property No.52/3/14, Situated at Hongasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk,Presently comes under the limits of BBMP, Bangalore, Measuring East to West 40 Feet and North to South 15 Feet in all measuring 600 Sq.Fts and **bounded on: East By:** Road, **West By:** M.Ramayya Property, **North By:** Site No.13, **South By:** Remaining Portion of the same property. **Boundaries: North By:** Site No.13 **South By:** Remaining Portion of the same property **East By:** Road **West By:** M.Ramayya Property.

Date: 20.11.2023 Sd/- Authorised Officer
Place: Hongasandra Aptus Value Housing Finance India Ltd.

FEDBANK FINANCIAL SERVICES LTD. AUCTION NOTICE

This is to inform the public at large, that FEDBANK FINANCIAL SERVICES LTD., has decided to conduct Auction of Gold ornaments belonging to accounts (mentioned below) which have become overdue or which have defaults or margin breach of customers. The Auction would be held at respective Branches specified below on **Friday 01-12-2023 between 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.** This would continue till the auction process is over.

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₹1,433 cr worth Indian equities have been purchased by foreign portfolio investors so far in November.

High-net-worth individuals turn to LLPs for tax optimisation

Limited Liability Partnerships offer a unique advantage to HNIs as they reduce tax burden, thus making it an attractive option for tax planning

MONIKA YADAV @ New Delhi

IN a bid to optimise their tax liabilities, high-net-worth individuals (HNWIs) are increasingly resorting to registering Limited Liability Partnerships (LLPs), according to experts. LLPs offer a unique advantage that enables HNIs to pay less in taxes, making it an attractive avenue for tax planning.

LLPs are subject to a tax rate of 34.94% on their total income, distinguishing them from other business structures. One key feature of LLPs is that the distribution of profits is exempt from tax, resulting in only a single layer of taxation. This factor plays a crucial role in reducing the tax burden for HNIs who choose to register their investments under an LLP.

To illustrate the potential benefits, Lokesh Shah, partner at IndusLaw, gives a hypothetical scenario. If an HNI were to invest in a company named X Ltd and receive dividends from that investment within a specific financial year, the dividend income would normally be subject to a tax rate of 42.74% (39% under the new tax regime) for individuals in the highest tax bracket. However, if the HNI holds shares in X Ltd through an LLP, the effective tax rate on dividends received from X Ltd would be 34.94%.

The utilisation of LLPs has emerged as a compelling option due to the favourable tax treatment they offer. Experts highlight that engaging in such tax planning measures is within the legal boundaries established by the authorities.

"Rate of taxes on LLPs are lower than that of high-net-worth individuals falling under the maximum tax bracket. An LLP set up in India will broadly be a tax resident of India, despite temporary change in residential status of any partner. Share of profits received from a LLP are fully tax exempt, despite the residential status of the partner," said S Sriram, partner at Lakshmikumaran and Sridharan. Meanwhile, Mukesh Kochar, National Head of Wealth, AUM Capital said that HNIs with higher income are charged with a surcharge of 27% and the highest surcharge for LLPs is 12%. Although the base rate for a higher slab is 30% in both cases due to the wide difference in surcharge, the arbitrage in the tax rate is around 8%, which is huge for an ultra HNI.

"So, these HNIs can save tax by creating LLPs with family members who are the ultimate investors. The higher tax bracket for LLP is 34.944% while it is 42.744% for Ultra HNIs," said Kochar. According to experts, it is important for HNIs to undertake investment or incur expenditure, to save on taxes. "Section 80C of the Income Tax Act, 1961 provides deduction up to ₹150,000 while computing total income of an assessee. HNIs typically exhaust the full limit by making investments in instruments such as the Public Provident Fund (PPF), Equity Linked Savings Scheme (ELSS) mutual funds, National Savings Certificates (NSC), Employee Provident Fund (EPF), tax-saving fixed deposits, payment of life insurance premiums, tuition fees for children's education and principal repayment on home loans," said Shah of IndusLaw.

In respect of capital gains income, HNIs typically invest in bonds issued by government entities under Section 54EC of the Income Tax Act, 1961 to seek exemption by investing the capital gains amount. These bonds come with a lock-in of 5 years. "Finance Act, 2023 took away a number of other avenues that were hitherto available to HNIs. These include introducing a ceiling / cap of ₹10 crore for capital gains invested in a residential property, removal of exempt status for insurance policies with a premium of more than ₹ 5 lakh per annum, and taxing gains from market-linked debentures at individual slab rates," Shah added.

HNIs flocking to Gift City

Interestingly, HNIs strategically relocate family offices to GIFT City and other low-tax jurisdictions outside India to optimise investment returns. Family Investment Funds (FPIs) established in GIFT City enjoy 10-year tax exemptions and relaxed exchange control regulations, enabling flexible fundraising and international investments. Additionally, select countries within a short flight distance (three hours of flying time) from India offer minimal to zero taxation on personal income, as per Sriram. "Recent reports suggest that thousands of HNIs have moved out of India, though the sole reason might not be savings on tax outflow.

In any case, shifting one's residence to such countries with lower taxes, saves close to 40% as taxes of non-India sourced income," he added. "In addition, newer investment instruments are also being used to reduce tax effects. Though the scope of tax savings using complex investment structures have reduced significantly over the last decade, tax laws always take time to cope with innovative measures adopted to save on taxes." Sriram said.

INVESTMENT STRATEGIES FOR HNIS
HNIs turn to LLPs for tax optimisation: High-net-worth individuals use LLPs to reduce taxes and lower their burden
LLPs have a 34.94% tax rate and exempt profit distribution, making them attractive for tax planning
TAX
HNIs move family offices to Gift City for tax-efficient investments and 10-year tax exemptions
LLPS WITH FAMILY INVESTORS HELP HNIS SAVE TAXES
LLP shareholders enjoy a 34.94% tax rate on dividends, compared to the regular
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WHY BORROW WITH CAUTION NOW

A STOCK market trader in Chennai recently died by suicide. In a report published in this paper, a preliminary investigation discussed a ₹10-lakh loan for investing in the stock market. If you search online for statistics on debt-related suicides in your city, you will find an alarming increase in reports.

In another development, the Reserve Bank of India has asked Bajaj Finance, a non-banking finance company, to stop offering loans under two digital lending products. At the same time, RBI has asked banks and non-banks to set aside more capital for personal and other retail loans like those involving credit cards. That would limit banks' ability to lend more money to you for personal loans or credit cards.

Over the past few months, the RBI has issued several warnings about instant lending through digital transactions. According to the RBI data, retail loans account for over a third of non-food credit given by banks of close to ₹151 lakh crore. It was only a quarter of that five years ago. The fast pace of growth in retail loans could lead to loan defaults if borrowers cannot repay. Over the past month, share prices have already reacted. Bajaj Finance and SBI Cards have slumped close to 10% in just a month. During the same period, the NSE Nifty remained flat. That shows investors were already concerned about the situation.

Technology is a significant enabler for loans. Banks have a lot of information about you now than ever before. They can assess the risk of lending to you based on your income and ability to repay.

However, with competitive pressure, banks are offering attractive consumer loans for expenditure on the tap of the mobile phone. Ahead of the festive season, there is usually a surge in consumer loans. The Chennai-based stock market trader situation is worse than credit cards. You cannot borrow money and invest in the stock market. That is the most dangerous game to play.

When share prices rally, they do so based on future expectations. They may continue to rally. However, it is tough to predict the return you get since share prices move up and down in cycles. Your loan comes with a fixed charge, and you have no option but to repay that loan. The stock market situation does not matter.

The RBI action also points to your borrowing habits. In personal finance, we have a few sets of identities. Businesses classify you as a customer or an investor. You need to balance your identity as both a customer and an investor. It is the business of banks and non-banks to offer you attractive loans. The onus is on you to determine the right path.

Express illustration

When to borrow

There is nothing wrong with borrowing money to meet your objectives. However, when you determine your objectives, you should ensure that you clearly see your assets and liabilities. If you are taking a home loan, gold, fixed deposit or a car loan, you are borrowing against an asset. These are secured loans and carry the lowest possible interest rate.

Your unsecured loans are usually used for expenses. If you borrow when you do not have money, you could create a debt trap if you do not pay back on time.

The best way out is to get a professional finance advisor. When you look at your financial position on assets and liabilities, you will know how you need to behave financially. If the situation demands cutting back on your lifestyle spending, you should. The other way is to make your assets work and generate additional income.

You can borrow if you are confident about repaying it through your future income. You know the asset you could lose if you do not repay. However, borrowing for expenditure is a risky proposition. If you have adequate assets to take care of that liability, you should spend and pursue happiness. However, if you are spending upfront for a marriage or foreign travel, you need to carefully assess your borrowing. You may not get a sound sleep if your pursuit of happiness involves other people's money.

MONEY-WISE

DO YOU NEED TO INVEST IN EQUITY FOR RETIREMENT?

FINANCIAL ADVICE

PV SUBRAMANYAM

writes at www.subramoney.com and has authored the best seller 'Retire Rich - Invest ₹40 a day'

I'm in my early 50s and have about ₹1,90,00,000 in savings. I tend to stick to bank FD, and PPF accounts, as I was scammed in the past. What's the safest way for me to invest this money? I will be retiring in 2028, is this amount sufficient? My wife is a housewife, and I have a daughter (for whose marriage I have some other FD not included in the above). Needless to say I do not have any pension and I have medical insurance.

Answer: I keep getting such questions on email, or on phone, so let me answer it once for all.

Your urge to play it safe is perfectly understandable. You already know from bitter experience that there are people out there who prey on investors by conning them outright or putting them into investments that are not suitable for their situation, and expensive to boot. Having said that, you must also learn about the risk of inflation.

At age 58 when you retire, you are looking at a possibility of living till 100 – which means upwards of 40 years of potential living years.

The financial markets can be scary, even when you're limiting yourself to perfectly legitimate investments.

For example, you can invest in a GILT fund and lose money when interest rate changes. ULIP plans for endowment or pension are very restrictive and the risk comes from non-portability of the product. Even though the share market has been going smoothly since rebounding from the financial crisis some years ago, and has been hitting new records of late, at some point share prices will tumble big time. Why? because that is the nature of the markets.

But the problem is that while your approach may be safe for now, it can actually be somewhat risky in the long term. The reason is that bank fixed deposits alone might not provide the returns you'll need in real terms i.e. after inflation and taxes to maintain your purchasing power throughout a post-career life that could last 40 years! This means, you need to invest some of your savings in a diversified portfolio of equity and debt funds.

The returns on such a portfolio may not be as good as they have been in the past.

Indeed, most of us are predicting that over the next decade or so, equity and fixed income returns could come in much lower than it has in the past decade.

Still, investing in a portfolio of mutual funds—ideally, a low fee index fund, will improve earning returns that can stand up to inflation and taxes over the long term. You should be taking a 10-year view on the equity investments and a 5- year view on Income funds. I would think your ₹29 lakh in PPF should remain there till you are past 60 for sure, and maybe past 80 too! You'll still want to invest enough in such secure products to handle any outlays for emergencies and to cover, say, 5-6 years worth of living expenses. Get an advisor and decide on your portfolio mix. See what works. Are you able to sleep well?

'India becoming $4 tn is a social media hoax'

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

Social media was abuzz on Sunday with reports claiming that the country's gross domestic product (GDP) breached the $4 trillion mark. Economists said that this is a social media hoax and that the viral news was incorrect.

They said the country was still shy of that landmark.

Government estimates India's full year GDP in FY24 to be ₹302 lakh crore, which at ₹83 a dollar would most likely be $3.6 trillion. International Monetary Fund projects the country's 2023 GDP at $3.6 trillion.

Many politicians fell for this hoax including Maharashtra Deputy CM Devendra Fadnavis. "India's moment of global glory as our GDP crosses $4 Trillion. The rise of #NewIndia under PM @narendramodi ji's leadership is truly unparalleled," Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat said in a post on X.

D Purandeswari, BJP's Andhra Pradesh president said, "Congratulations BHARAT on becoming a 4 Trillion Dollar Economy ! This phenomenal achievement has been made possible by the path breaking reforms introduced and implemented by Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi Ji Government in the last 9.5 years."

India recorded GDP growth of 7.8% during the April-June period of 2023-24, the highest in the past four quarters, on the back of double-digit expansion in the services sector, retaining its position as the world's fastest-growing major economy.

The 7.8% GDP growth in the June quarter is higher than the 6.3% recorded by China during the same period.

According to the National Statistical Office (NSO) data released in August, the agriculture sector gross value added (GVA) recorded a growth of 3.5%, up from 2.4% in April-June 2022-23.

ESAF Small Finance Bank profit up 143%

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

ESAF Small Finance Bank has posted a 143.35% growth in net profit at ₹140.12 crore in the second quarter of this fiscal compared to ₹57.58 crore in the same quarter last year.

Its gross NPAs stood at 2.64% and net NPAs at 1.19% for the quarter. Its total business grew by 32.81% to ₹34,906 crore, and AUM stood at ₹17,490 crore with growth of 37.03% Q-o-Q.

The small finance bank's net interest margin remain at 11.98%. K Paul Thomas, MD & CEO, ESAF Small Finance Bank said, "Our steadfast focus on rural and semi-urban locations along with the sustainable model we pursue has played a pivotal role in driving this success."

He also said, "Investment in digital technologies continues to be our priority, and we are confident that our strategic initiatives will further propel us towards even greater heights in the future."

IPO-bound IREDA eyes emerging RE bets

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Chennai

INDIAN Renewable Energy development agency Limited, a public sector undertaking under the ministry of new and renewable energy (MNRE), hopes to increase its lending business in the emerging renewable energy sources such as green hydrogen and electric mobility.

The company thinks it is essential for the energy transition and the higher risk will yield higher returns.

Speaking to TNIE, Pradip Kumar Das, Managing Director of IREDA said that there is a huge demand for the emerging renewable sources. Future energy will be coming from existing and newer renewables, and it is not possible to transition into greener energy without that.

The lending portfolio of the newer sources than conventional renewables will be increased to 50% from 18% at present, Das said. However, he didn't mention a specific timeline.

He said though these technologies are not commercially viable at the moment but it could be changed with R&D and scaling. "Any new and emerging technologies will be risky. Risk mitigation should be done and wherever you think it cannot be derisked, add a risk premium into that," he added.

The state-owned NBFC has been focused on solar, wind and hydro project financing for 27 years now. It also provides manufacturing and equipment loans, bridge loans and loans against future cash flows.

IREDA extends credit lines for other NBFCs for renewable power and energy efficiency and conservation (EEC) projects. It offers letters of comfort and other non-fund products.

Indian Renewable Energy development agency has term loans outstanding of ₹ 47,206 crore as of September 30, 2023. It has a net interest income of ₹ 1,332 crore and a net profit of ₹864.6 crore in the 2022-23 fiscal.

The initial public offering (IPO) of IREDA will open to the public on Tuesday (November 21) and closes on Thursday (November 24).

It comprises fresh equity shares of up to 403,164,706 and offer for sale of 268,776,471 shares aggregating up to 671,941,177 equity shares. The price band has been fixed at ₹ 30- ₹32. Minimum bid lot is 460 shares and in the multiples of 460 after that.

Public sector non-banking finance entity plans to raise ₹ 2,150 crore on the higher end from the issue.

Proceeds from the fresh issue will be used for increasing the capital base to meet future capital requirements and future lending, IREDA stated in the draft proposal.

The company plans to use proceeds to undertake existing business and fund future activities from the net proceeds. Offer for Sale will be received by the promoter selling shareholder - Government of India and the company will not receive any proceeds from that component.IDBI Capital, BOB capital market limited and SBI Capital market limited have been announced as the book running lead managers.

Chase masters in WC final

ARAVINDA DE SILVA: 107 N.O. VS AUSTRALIA 1996

Playing against mighty Australia at the Gaddafi Stadium in Lahore, while chasing 241 runs, Aravinda de Silva and Asanka Gurusinha took charge of the chase. He became the first player to score a century in the chase at the World Cup final.

TRAVIS HEAD: 137 VS INDIA 2023

Travis Head watched three wickets fall in quick succession from the non-strikers' end before taking charge of the chase. His 137 is the highest score during the chase of World Cup history.

What we've achieved today is unbelievable. It's the best achievement I've ever been part of. India have been the team of the tournament, but you knew if you play your best cricket, you have a chance. Our bowlers were sensational and Travis put on one hell of a display. I'm lost for words.

— Marnus Labuschagne

I think it's bigger than (2015 victory). Great crowd, Indian fans are second to none. Tonight, we put it together when it counts.

— Josh Hazlewood

He (Cummins) was phenomenal and he has been phenomenal all tournament. It capped off an unbelievable eight weeks for this group. To win a World Cup in India...bloody successful and bloody enjoyable.

— Mitchell Starc

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THE HEADLINE

After impressive show by bowlers, Australian opener Head takes charge of proceedings to kill India's hopes in front of 92,000-plus fans and help team clinch yet another World Cup crown

Cummins responds to Call of Duty on big day

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @Ahmedabad

DEATH, taxes and Australian cricketing figureheads standing up in big finals. Even though they lost in 1975, both Gary Gilmour (5/48) and Ian Chappel (62) had played well. In 1987, David Boon was Player of the Match. Shane Warne (1999), Ricky Ponting (2003), Adam Gilchrist (2007) and Mitchell Starc (2015) had followed in that same path.

Just as the floodlights began to take full effect at the Narendra Modi Stadium on Sunday, another Australian figurehead walked that same path. Pat Cummins.

Two matches in, they were on the verge of being asked to leave the party they had come to dominate in their sleep. At a personal level, Cummins himself needed a big spell. When Sri Lanka were 125 without loss after a 21-and-a-bit overs, Cummins, who had brought himself on for another spell, was throwing a dice. At that point, he had already entertained thoughts of going back home like he had revealed in the pre-match press conference before the final. That's how he was feeling when he was bowling to Pathum Nissanka.

The dice landed in his favour. Nissanka fell off his bowling thanks to David Warner's fine, tumbling catch in the outfield. A few overs later, Cummins breached through Kusal Perera's loose defence. Australia had an inch. They took a shotgun to blow it open.

Since then, they have let muscle memory do its thing. Without ever looking like some of the big, bad Australian teams of the past, they moved through the gears. From being a backmarker after the first two games, they took their spot in the final. Like an expert endurance racer, they dropped to the back of the field before picking off competitors one by one. New Zealand (Dharamsala)? Sorry, lads, but see you later. Pakistan (Bengaluru)? Not today. England (Ahmedabad)? LOL, time to claim a moral victory. Afghanistan? Well played for keeping up. South Africa? Don't even go there.

Throughout this whirlwind campaign of theirs, Cummins has been there. But he's not really been there. He has operated on the fringes, an outsider looking in at his own team. Coming into the final, David Warner, Travis Head, Adam Zampa and Glenn Maxwell were the ones with memorable 'look at me performances'.

Cummins corrected that with a spell of 2/34 over 10 tight overs. He bowled 30 dots and didn't concede a single boundary. He began the good work even before a ball was bowled in anger. He called correctly at the toss and inserted India in a slow, sluggish surface. At the time, it seemed like the wrong call. As the second innings progressed, it was the perfect call.

Another of the multiple decisions that paid for him was bringing himself on as early as the eighth over. Off his eighth ball, he had lift off. It was a perfect Test match ball, just back of a length in that channel outside off stump. Shreyas Iyer, eager to get some bat, got a thin outside edge to Josh Inglis.

By this time, he had already sussed out the nature of the surface so stuck to bowling off-cutters or short-pitched balls into the wicket. It held for a touch too long and made run-scoring difficult for the batters. While both Virat Kohli and KL Rahul weren't overly bothered in trying to find boundaries — they went 96 balls without scoring one — Cummins knew he had the pair exactly where he wanted.

For the record, he was also helped by an inspired fielding effort. Rather than blindly throwing themselves at the ball, they were also anticipating, waiting like predator for prey. They saved a good 30-40 runs thanks to their fielding alone.

Cut back to Cummins, whose ploy of bowling short into a surface stripped of any pace was working. His first spell was flawless -- 5-0-14-1. But India's middle-order had done lots of damage throughout the campaign without taking any risks.

So he brought himself back on to try and dislodge Kohli. Another short-pitched ball claimed Kohli's wicket. The No. 3 tried to run it down but he had room to work. So, he only managed to play on. In the process, he had managed what he had set out to. Silence the blue wall totalling over a lakh.

A glorious dream had cruelly been extinguished in the most predictable way possible.

A talismanic figure wearing green and gold dismissing a record-setting India batter in a World Cup final.

A few hours later, he held aloft a sixth World Cup.

MATTER OF FACT

765 Virat Kohli holds the record for most runs by any batter in the history of the World Cup.

597 Rohit Sharma surpassed Kane Williamson (578 in 2019) as a captain to score most runs in a single edition of the World Cup.

24 Mohammed Shami leads the bowling charts, playing a significant role in India's campaign.

23 With 23 scalps, Adam Zampa equalled Muttiah Muralitharan's record of most wickets by a spinner in a single World Cup.

6.3 overs that India took to reach fifty is the fastest team 50 in a men's ODI World Cup final. Previous fastest was in 6.6 overs by Australia in 2003.

5 Kohli became the first player to hit five consecutive fifty-plus scores in a World Cup edition twice (2019 and 2023).

FINAL CENTURIONS FROM THE PAST

CLIVE LLOYD
102 vs Australia, **1975**

VIV RICHARDS
138 n.o vs England, **1979**

ARAVINDA DE SILVA
107 n.o vs Australia, **1996**

RICKY PONTING
140 n.o vs India, **2003**

ADAM GILCHRIST
149 vs Sri Lanka, **2007**

MAHELA JAYAWARDENE
103 vs India, **2011**

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OUT of all the things India had done at this World Cup, the thing that spread the most joy was the way they picked up the wickets. Batters were almost always uneasy. Stumps were flattened. They managed to catch opposition out cold in swinging conditions. Accomplished middle-orders were made to look like raffle winners. Experienced match-winners in the top five lasted fewer than six balls.

It was ironic, then, that the last wicket they picked up at the World Cup saw no celebration from the players. There was a cursory handshake between a few of them but the faces were glum. They had long given up the ghost. The collective dreams of 15 men had evaporated into the distance long before nightfall when Travis Head's pull was pouched by Shubman Gill off Mohammed Siraj.

The damage had already been done. Head, who was a doubt for this event, survived the early spell before unleashing a counterpunch for the ages. It wasn't supposed to be like this. Across six weeks and 10 games, this Indian team had been pure theatre. Fifteen men had reduced sport to its barest but truest essence. Fun. Watching cricket was cool. They had made it that way. In this journey of theirs which began in Chennai, they had won over scores of fans, including casuals. 50-over cricket was allegedly on life support when the World Cup began. When the final had rolled around, they had infused it with so much oxygen the format was alive and kicking (even if temporary).

And, so, on to the 11th.

When the Sun rose in the city, it was hard to miss what this occasion meant to a nation that allows this sport to dictate their emotional state of being. An India win? Hook that dopamine straight to the veins. A loss? A don't disturb tag for a few days. Fans had started walking into cafes as early as 9.00 AM. By 11.00 AM, they were making their way to the Stadium. Via RTO circle, through Motera Road where the turnstiles awaited them. Even if the mercury said 30*c, the in-ground temperature was several notches higher. People were profusely sweating a good two hours to go.

Once the festivities were done — an Indian Air Force (AIF) Airshow after the toss — it was time for an overly affable build up to get serious.

It got serious in no time as Rohit Sharma, as he has done throughout this tournament, danced down to Josh Hazlewood off the second over. He was intent on taking on both pacers and soon enough, the hosts, who were asked to bat, had the start they were looking for. Gill had departed but Rohit had forced Pat Cummins into two early bowling changes. Both changes paid dividends as Maxwell and the skipper himself removed Rohit and Shreyas Iyer.

On a strip where run-scoring became harder as the innings wore on — Australia and Head, in particular, found it easier as the dew made its presence felt — Rahul and Kohli found it hard to force the pace. They have a template to run-scoring which may appear passive but on Sunday, they found it hard. A gun bowling attack, led by Cummins, were on the money. Whenever they found the gaps, fielders found an extra set of legs to cut out the boundary.

They found the going so hard the partnership was worth 95 balls before they hit the first boundary. By the time the 40th over had come around (both Kohli and Ravindra Jadeja had lost their wickets by this point), there were only two boundaries off the last 180 balls. Till this point, India had played the middle-overs expertly. On Sunday, they were in danger territory. In the end, the innings spluttered and stumbled to 240, a run-rate of just 4 over the last 40 overs.

Was it going to be enough? South Africa (129), Sri Lanka (55) and South Africa (83) had combined to make 267. However, 30 minutes in and this wasn't going to be that type of a contest.

They had lost both David Warner and Mitchell Marsh but the scoreboard said 2/41 after 4.3 overs. Soon, Steve Smith was trapped by a magic Jasprit Bumrah delivery. At the other end, Head, who had played and missed a number of balls, was growing in confidence. Some batters may let these things affect them. Not the southpaw, who had only recovered from a fractured hand a few weeks ago. For him, every ball is a new event, unconnected to the past.

Consecutive boundaries off Mohammed Shami, who had opened the bowling at the expense of Mohammed Siraj, bookended the powerplay. 3/60 after 10 overs. Ominous signs. With Labuschagne holding one end up, Head's role was simple. Play the aggressor. The first time he did that was to Kuldeep Yadav when he went down on one knee before launching him over cow corner. He had had enough of playing the situation. There was a final to win. And with there being no seam movement off the wicket, he decided to play the percentages. A few overs later, Shami was dispatched straight down the ground. When it really turned was how he hit Bumrah for three fours in one over. From 44 off 54, he had rattled along to a 100 off 95 balls. He wasn't there at the end but it didn't matter. He had begun India's slide in the first innings by taking that fine running catch to remove Rohit.

He ended it long before he left the scene.

STANDOUTS OF FINAL

PAT CUMMINS: Overs: 10; **Runs:** 34; **Wickets:** 2

Captain led from the front and was the best bowler for the Aussies. He picked up the crucial wicket of Kohli, who could have potentially taken the match away for the hosts.

TRAVIS HEAD: Runs: 137

Player of the Match in the semifinal against South Africa for his all-round performance. Head was once again in his element as he navigated early pressure to hit a memorable century. Towards the end, he was dispatching Indian bowlers at will. His innings included as many as four sixes. He also took spectacular catch to dismiss Rohit Sharma.

SCOREBOARD

INDIA: Rohit **c** Head **b** Maxwell 47, Gill **c** Zampa **b** Starc 4, Kohli **b** Cummins 54, Iyer **c** Inglis **b** Cummins 4, Rahul **c** Inglis **b** Starc 66, Jadeja **c** Inglis **b** Hazlewood 9, Surya **c** Inglis **b** Hazlewood 18, Shami **c** Inglis **b** Starc 6, Bumrah **lbw b** Zampa 1, Kuldeep **run out** 10, Siraj **not out** 9; **Extras:** (lb 3, w 9) 12; **Total:** (all out in 50 overs) 240; **FoW:** 1-30, 2-76, 3-81, 4-148, 5-178, 6-203, 7-211, 8-214, 9-226; **Bowling:** Starc 10-0-55-3, Hazlewood 10-0-60-2, Maxwell 6-0-35-1, Cummins 10-0-34-2, Zampa 10-0-44-1, Marsh 2-0-5-0, Head 2-0-4-0.

AUSTRALIA: Warner **c** Kohli **b** Shami 7, Head **c** Gill **by** Siraj 137, March **c** Rahul **b** Bumrah 15, Smith **lbw** Bumrah 4, Labuschagne **not out** 58, Maxwell **not out** 2; **Extras:** (b 5, lb 2, w 11) 11; **Total:** (4 wickets in 43 overs) 241; **Fow:** 1-16, 2-41, 3-47, 4-239; **Bowling:** Bumrah 9-2-43-2, Shami 7-1-47-1, Jadeja 10-0-43-0, Kuldeep 10-0-56-0, Siraj 7-0-45-1.

SNIPPETS

India warm-up during performance

The much-hyped laser and dance show during the break wouldn't have pleased the Indian team, who were warming up. The bowlers didn't have the usual area to run-in and bowl on one of the practice surfaces. It was slightly bizarre to watch the team have fielding practice in the infield.

Pro-Palestine protester taken down

Just before the first drinks break during the India innings, a person, with the words 'Stop Bombing Palestine' written across the front of the t-shirt, made their way to Virat Kohli. The person went and put his arm around Kohli before the officials tackled the person to the ground.

1) India great Sachin Tendulkar trying to offer comfort to the players during the presentation ceremony; 2) Virat Kohli (R) and Marnus Labuschagne after the World Cup final at Ahmedabad on Sunday | PTI/AFP

EXPRESS READ

Sindhu to train under Padukone in B'luru

HYDERABAD: Ace Indian shuttler PV Sindhu will now move her base from Hyderabad to Bengaluru to train under the legendary Prakash Padukone in the build up to the Paris Games. Sindhu had a week-long stint under Padukone in September and before the Asian Games, she had indicated that she would be training under him.

France smash records in 14-0 win

PARIS: Kylian Mbappe scored a hat-trick in France's record-breaking 14-0 thrashing of 10-man Gibraltar as the Netherlands, Switzerland and Romania booked their places at Euro 2024 on Saturday. Les Bleus set a new record margin of victory in European qualifying and a national record in Nice.

Verstappen claims Las Vegas GP

LAS VEGAS: World champion Max Verstappen claimed the 18th win of his record-breaking season, overcoming a five-second penalty to power to victory in a thrilling Las Vegas Grand Prix on Saturday. Ferrari's Charles Leclerc overtook Red Bull's Sergio Perez on the last lap to grab second place ahead of the Mexican.

I wasn't invited for WC final: Kapil Dev

AHMEDABAD: Former India captain Kapil Dev claimed that he was not invited to the World Cup final. "I wasn't invited there. They didn't call me so I did not go. I wanted the whole '83 team to be there with me but I guess due to the fact that it's such a big event and people are so busy handling responsibilities...," Kapil told a news channel.

How to be 100% financially prepared

Financial planning can be tough for students aspiring to go abroad for higher education. **Saumyangi Yadav** speaks to industry experts about loans, scholarships, budgeting and everything in between to find out time-tested tips that will ease up the process for students and parents:

Education loans? Start early

1 EXPERTS suggest that financial planning should start with the admission process. "Students have had to defer their admission as they did not begin the loan application process on time. So file your parents' income tax returns. For most loan or scholarship applications, the income of the co-applicant is assessed and income tax returns of at least two years are required," says Damini Mahajan, CEO and Co-founder, WeMakeScholars.com, an education finance platform.

What's the right amount to borrow?

2 SREEKAR Sannapareddy, Co-founder of Gradvine, an education consulting platform, says it might be best to exclude the cost of living and other such factors, as the interest rate might turn out to be too high. "Students need to calculate what their starting salary needs to be and do a simple Math of their living expenses to see within how many years they can repay the loan. If you get into a good US varsity, you should plan to pay back the loan in about two years," he added.

Am I eligible for scholarships?

3 ONE way to get financial aid is on the strength of one's application, another is by indicating in the application whether you need to apply for certain scholarships. "Few universities ask for the financial status of students and decide if they need to give them aid. Also, if you get into multiple universities, write them emails saying that you have options and you will be inclined towards joining one particular institution if you receive partial financial aid," said Sannapareddy.

Be prepared for emergencies

4 ANOTHER point to consider before moving to a foreign country is whether to purchase health insurance and life insurance.

As per experts, considering the high cost of healthcare in most foreign countries, it is advisable to have health and life insurance handy before securing admission to a foreign university. In fact, many countries and universities might even have this as a mandatory requirement.

What to do after you land?

5 MANY companies engage with students regarding a bank account and credit card even before they land in an unknown country, says Sreekar Sannapareddy. Students also get several perks like no minimum balance, reward points and so on. Prashant A Bhonsle, Founder, Kuhoo, an EduFinTech, opines, "Most countries are much more student-friendly as they provide student discounts, travel cards and so on for students."

Seek help, if needed

6 STUDENTS can opt for the services of education consultancy firms to get rid of any financial anxiety. Mamta Shekhawat, Founder, Gradding, an education consultancy, explained, "Consultants also help students with financial profiling, loans, scholarships, getting their e-KYC, documents approval, opening a virtual bank account in the foreign country and so on," she explained.

WHAT FOLLOWS AFTER YOU'VE SENT OUT YOUR COLLEGE APPLICATIONS? **KARTHIKEYA S** SPEAKS TO EDUCATION COUNSELLORS TO FIND OUT

APPLIED? WHAT'S NEXT?

IF you are planning to go abroad to study next year, chances are you have started preparing your college application – and in some cases, even submitted it to your dream university. Irrespective of which stage of the application process you are in, submitting your application would feel like a weight has been lifted off your shoulders. However, education counsellors say that the journey has only begun. What's left to do after applying to colleges? Here's what experts say happens after students are past this stage.

Thorough review of applications

Generally, an application passes several sets of hands before it is accepted or rejected. "Broadly speaking, each college has an internal review committee and external reviewers, to act as readers who do a first-cut review of the application, following which, it would be assessed by the internal committee," says Vibha Kagzi, CEO, ReachIvy. Citing an example, Viral Doshi, a senior education counsellor, says, "The University of Penn receives up to 50,000 applications every year. Hence, the first round of reviewers check the eligibility and content of applications without spending over 15 minutes on each one."

STANDARD BLUEPRINT TO REVIEW APPLICATIONS

- Grades and educational qualifications
- Proficiency test scores
- Research and work experience
- Essays, statements of purpose and recommendation letters
- Cocurricular and extracurricular activities
- Relevance between work experience and programme

Each university has a vision for the class it wants to shape for the future years. While auditing the applications, they assess whether the applicant from that class would fit that vision, and take the call based on that assessment

— Lakshmi Iyer, Managing Director, SI-UK India

Spending the waiting time wisely

Vibha advises applicants to not sit back and wait for the university's response. "Work on your academics, extracurricular activities, community work, and leadership skills," she says. These details can be sent to the review committee as additional information, she adds. Patriek Karayil, Founder of American Colleges, the international arm of the American Education Board, says, "One mistake many applicants make is thinking about education loans only after they receive their offer letter. They must instead start thinking about loans from the minute they hit 'Submit'."

WHAT TO DO AFTER SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

- Continue building your profile
- Explore education loans
- Work on extracurricular and community activities
- Gain work and research experience
- Explore backup options
- Enhance your leadership skills

Keep doing what you were doing before you submitted your application, and keep the university's admissions team in the loop. All the progress in your academic, professional, leadership and community work will be considered by the application review committee — Vibha Kagzi, CEO, ReachIvy

Leaving a good impression

While interviews are not necessarily a part of the admissions process, universities with highly competitive admissions tend to interview applicants with strong profiles, counsellors say. "Only early applicants are called for the interview, usually after Christmas," Lakshmi Iyer, Managing Director, SI-UK India, says.

Delving deeper into what would be asked in the interview, Patriek says, "Applicants will be asked direct questions based on their applications, essays, and work experience," and warns that the questioning can be tough. "For example, if you worked at an organisation for one year, and have no recommendation letter from there, you will be asked about it," he explains. "While the questioning differs from course to course, the panel will want to know more about your journey as present in your application package, in order to understand your candidature better. You need to present your journey as authentically as possible," Lakshmi advises.

TIPS FOR INTERVIEW PREP

- Do your homework about the programme
- Be truthful and authentic
- Be prepared for tough questions
- Identify potential questions and answers
- Speak in a polished and crisp manner
- Keep your answers brief and concise

The interview is an opportunity for an applicant to demonstrate their interest and credentials, and how they can contribute to the university's academic environment. Applicants can also leverage it to pitch for financial aid. As a result, they need to make a good first impression in 30 minutes

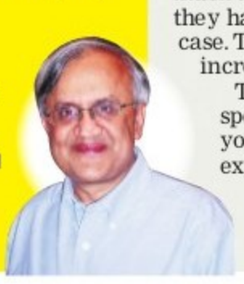
— Patriek Karayil, Founder, American Colleges

RESPONSES TO YOUR APPLICATION

- **No, or Maybe:** Your application is not strong enough, there is nothing much you can do
- **Waiting list:** Your application is still being considered, build your profile further
- **Yes:** Your admission has been accepted, start making arrangements

Ultimately, keep your happiness as your first priority. Your choice must be based on your convenience, your ideal weather conditions, and your academic and professional goals

— Viral Doshi, Senior Education Counsellor



After the verdict is finally out

Now, there are three categories applications end up in – rejected, maybe, and accepted.

In the first case, counsellors say that there is nothing much the applicants can do. "Apart from seeking to know why they have been rejected, applicants cannot do much in this case. They can also seek suggestions for what they can do to increase their chances the next year," Vibha says.

The second case, as per Patriek, is an uncomfortable spot for an application to land in. "It maybe means that your application is strong, but not strong enough," he explains.

Viral says the response from the university would usually come on March 31, and the applicant needs to choose their university and programme by May 1.

Early Prep

Hear it from the students!

Students currently enrolled in foreign universities advise applicants on what the latter can do after submitting applications and share tips that benefitted them

Prateeksha Karat, *MSc Developmental Studies, London School of Economics, UK*

What should one do after submitting their college application?
Use the time between your applications and the university start date to really relax. You are going to be extremely busy once the offers start rolling in.

HERE IS WHAT I DID

FINANCES:

- **Scholarship applications:** If your university has a funding system, it might require an essay. Take time out to tailor and edit your scholarship essays, like your SoP.
- **Loans:** If you are going to take an education loan, make a list of banks that you should talk to. Get property papers and all the documents needed in order.
- **Post-master's plan:** Chances are that you are not 100% sure which university you will eventually select. So, you can reach out to people on LinkedIn, to talk to them about their experience at the universities you have applied to.

Think about your objectives. Do you want a job straight after your master's? Are you going to stay back or come back to India? Do you want to socialise? How important are external factors like the weather and city?

Focus on what your university offers, their career hub, the teaching styles, what the professors are teaching, and if you are interested in their work. Think about the industries and jobs that graduates end up in.

- **Accommodation:** If you are moving to a big city, accommodation will be extremely hard to find. Narrow down options, and apply to a few places that require lengthy applications. The earlier you start, the more likely you are to find a good and affordable accommodation.
- **Visa:** You will need to do several medical tests and have all your documents and finances in order. Visa offices are overloaded with applications during this time. Make sure your application is error-free to ensure that everything goes smoothly.

What should be next after applicants' admission gets confirmed or rejected?
If you get rejected, view it as a redirection. If accepted, you already did the pre-research while waiting for your offer. Accept your offer, get your finances in order, and apply for your visa and accommodation.

RISHIKA BATHULA, *Master of Business Information Technology, RMIT University, Australia*

What should one do after submitting their college application?
You should constantly keep checking the application status. I also maintained copies of all application materials, including my application form, essays, transcripts, test scores, and any other documentation submitted. This is essential for references or potential follow-ups.

Did you have an interview before you received your letter of acceptance? What were you asked during the interview?
Yes, I had an interview prior to receiving the university's acceptance letter. I was questioned about the information I mentioned in my SoP. The interviewer will question you about your reasons for selecting that particular institution over others, why you chose that course, whether you have any prior work experience, who will pay for your education, and whether you have any intentions to stay in the country after the course is over.

Being honest is all that is required; the interview is not particularly difficult.

What should be next for applicants after their admission gets confirmed or rejected?
After receiving an acceptance letter, you must begin the process of applying for a visa. Make sure you meet the requirements for the visa and have all the required paperwork. The applicant should also begin their loan processing. Look for accommodation, whether it's an off-campus or an on-campus dorm. Attend the college's orientation seminars and pre-departure tasks. These could contain details about course enrollment, academic guidance, and campus resources.

Make your travel plans as soon as your visa and other necessary paperwork are in order. Make sure you get to attend the orientation and the beginning of classes on time.

If the admission is rejected then the applicant should apply to other universities.

TYPES OF OFFER LETTERS

So, if you have submitted your application to your dream university and if your application stands out and the university likes your candidature, you will receive an offer letter, confirming your seat. Typically, there are two kinds of offer letters a university sends out – a conditional offer letter and an unconditional offer letter. Here, we attempt to define the offer letters and mention your options as well

I CONDITIONAL OFFER LETTER

- Admission is granted on specific conditions
- Universities ask for certain academic requirements
- Given when there are pending documents like test scores, passports, marks transcripts and the like
- Needed to obtain a bank loan
- Can delay the visa procedure

II UNCONDITIONAL OFFER LETTER

- Admission is granted without any conditions
- No extra academic requirements needed
- Given after all the required documents have been submitted
- Given after a bank loan is obtained
- Visa procedure can go smoothly

ON few occasions, candidates, who are considered strong applicants but not strong enough, are pushed to a later round, in a process called deferral. This happens when universities realise that early-stage applicants are not ready. The applicant can defer the admission too. If an applicant finds that they are unable to join the class of their application year, their admission can be deferred for up to one year.

A LOOK AT HOW MANY STUDENTS APPLY TO THE TOP 10 UNIVERSITIES IN THE WORLD, AND HOW MANY ACTUALLY GET IN

MAKING IT TO THE Top 10

Getting into one of the top universities in the world is an ambitious goal for many students – however, it is also an extremely challenging prospect. With heavy competition, the acceptance rates into these universities are extremely low. The numbers speak for themselves, and here is what they say:

UNIVERSITY	APPLICATIONS	APPLICANTS ACCEPTED	ACCEPTANCE RATE
University of Oxford (UK)	40,498	6,270	17.50%
Harvard University (USA)	56,937	1,996	7.60%
University of Cambridge (UK)	30,321	5,437	34%
Stanford University (USA)	56,378	2,075	8%
Massachusetts Institute of Technology (USA)	26,914	1,291	10.60%
California Institute of Technology (USA)	13,026	510	6.70%
Princeton University (USA)	14,577	1,369	9.39%
University of California, Berkeley (USA)	42,000	3,539	15%
Yale University (USA)	52,250	5,314	6.30%
Imperial College London (UK)	49,000	6,400	12.98%

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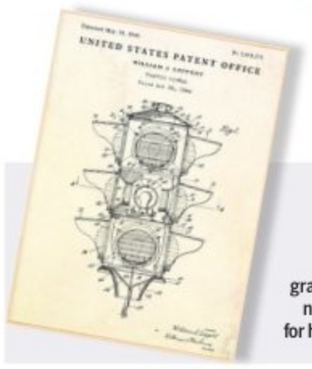


DAY'S DIARY

Traffic signal

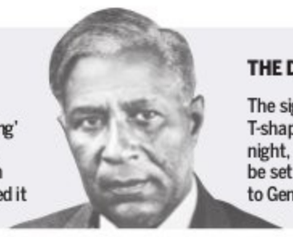
In 1923, the US Patent Office granted 46-year-old inventor and newspaperman Garrett Morgan for his three-position traffic signal

THE PROBLEM

A car owner himself, Morgan noticed that manually operated traffic signals resulted in accidents as there was no pause when they switched between 'Stop' and 'Go'

THE SOLUTION

He designed an automated signal with an interim 'warning' position, drivers would have time to clear the intersection before crossing traffic entered it



THE DESIGN

The signal Morgan patented was a T-shaped pole with three settings. At night, when traffic was light, it could be set at half-mast. He sold the rights to General Electric for $40,000

A curated guide to happenings in the city

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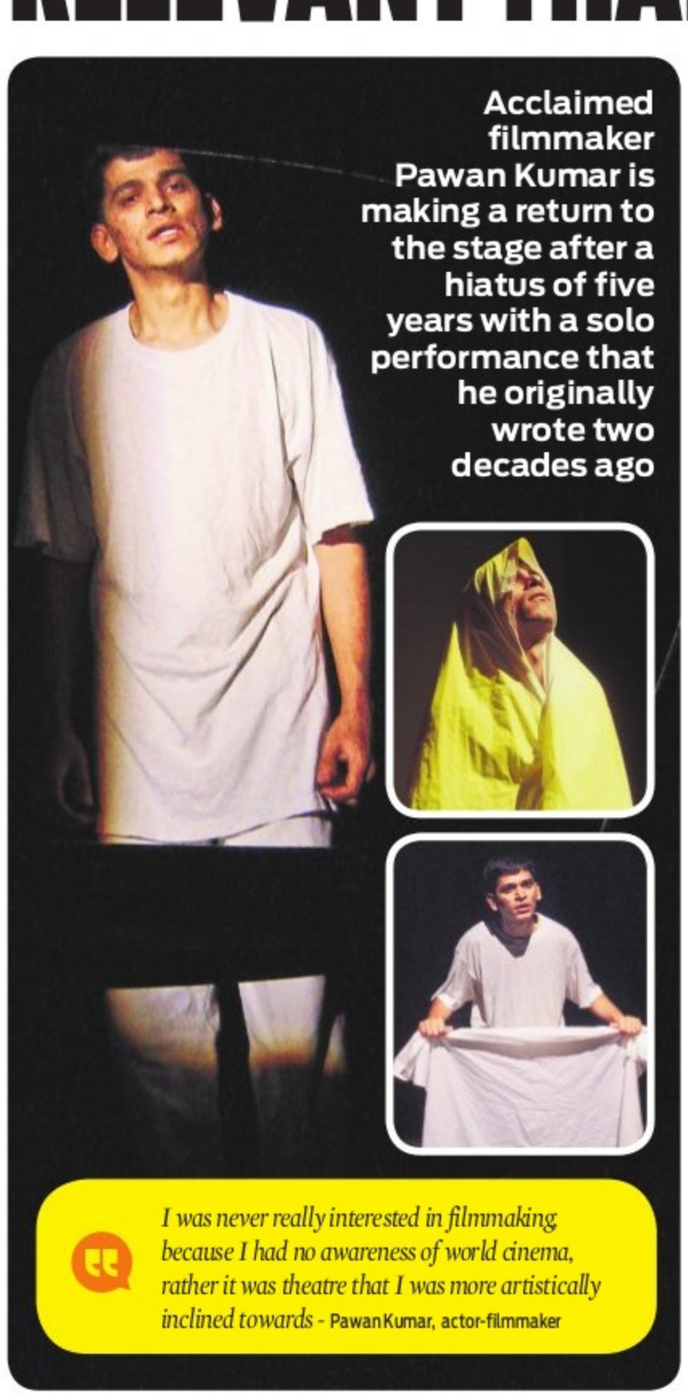
'IN 2023, IT'S MORE RELEVANT THAN EVER'



Acclaimed filmmaker Pawan Kumar is making a return to the stage after a hiatus of five years with a solo performance that he originally wrote two decades ago

I was never really interested in filmmaking, because I had no awareness of world cinema, rather it was theatre that I was more artistically inclined towards - Pawan Kumar, actor-filmmaker

DESE GOWDA

From critically-acclaimed films like *Lifeu Ishtene* and *Pancharangi* to experimental films like *Lucia* and *U-Turn*, actor-filmmaker Pawan Kumar has always pushed the boundaries of mainstream Indian cinema. Hence, it's no surprise that like many veterans to have left an indelible mark on the industry over the years, Kumar too comes from a strong background in theatre. Next month, the 41-year-old is returning to his roots after a hiatus of nearly five years, performing a solo play that he originally wrote two decades ago.

A psychological drama blended with comedy, *The Final Rehearsal*, was the very first piece of writing that Pawan Kumar did professionally. "At 19-years-old, I decided I would quit engineering and pursue theatre. I found it very inspiring and thought it was my calling. I was very passionate about wanting to perform on stage. And it pushed me into wanting to develop something of my own. It started with me writing a short monologue, which over time kept on increasing in length. Finally, I wrote a 20-25 minute monologue with a character and I thought I could showcase to people that I can perform; and hopefully convince someone to cast me," shares Kumar.

The 60-minute long one-man show follows a struggling actor, who's seeking validation of his talents within a competitive and judgemental world. "He's someone who's constantly working, struggling, and going crazy in the process, while desperately seeking validation and acceptance. I was probably in that zone when I wrote the piece, based on my calling to be on stage," Kumar adds.

Despite his impressive list of works in cinema, Kumar wasn't originally into filmmaking. Rather, it was the theatre where he found his calling. "I was never really interested in filmmaking, because I had no awareness of world cinema. Bollywood and commercial cinema was the only form that I had been exposed to as a child. And that didn't excite me; rather it was theatre that I was more artistically inclined towards. I used to take part in plays in school and college. But since our education system doesn't provide any kind of training in the form, I would desperately seek out any such things," he shares.

As luck would have it, he auditioned for the Tespo Youth Theatre Festival, with his early draft of *The Final Rehearsal*. "When I performed the piece at the audition, I got positive feedback from a veteran theatre artist from a Mumbai-based theatre group. I was told that the piece had potential and I should consider extending it to 40 minutes. It was encouraging and showed me that I'm capable of writing. I then went on to win the award at the festival," Kumar says, adding "It's been 21 years since I originally performed it. And over time, it kept on growing in length, based on my life experiences. In a way, the play has grown with me."

Ahead of his return to the stage, Kumar believes the piece has never been more relevant since the time he originally wrote it. "I feel blessed to have had the idea way back then because, in 2023, it's more relevant than ever. These days, the proliferation of social media and the accessibility of smartphones has turned everyone into actors, desperately chasing validation; everyone's seeking acceptance, just like an actor would. So I'm quite curious to see how the play resonates now," he shares, adding "Twenty years ago, people might have seen the play from an outside perspective, while not relating to it. But now, there's much more relatability."

(The Final Rehearsal will be staged on Dec 14, 7.30pm at Ranga Shankara, JP Nagar. Tickets priced at ₹300)

PICS: ALLEN EGENUSE J

Comic Carnival

A spectacular celebration of pop culture unfolded on the weekend as fans flocked to the annual Bengaluru Comic Con. A colourful kaleidoscope of cosplayers, comic book fans, artists, and enthusiasts transformed the venue into a living, breathing homage to their favourite fictional worlds. Fans were seen dressed up as their favourite comic characters, from Spiderman to Joker and Harley Quinn as they revelled in the joy of meeting their beloved artists, exploring merchandise, and participating in lively discussions about comics, movies, and everything in between.

Aslam Gafoor (@aslamgafoor) is a hospitality professional with experience in business development, sales and marketing with well-known hotels, and food and beverage companies. A few of his passions are travel, food and wine, and he enjoys sharing these experiences as a columnist.

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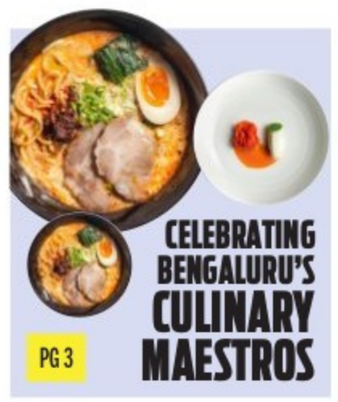

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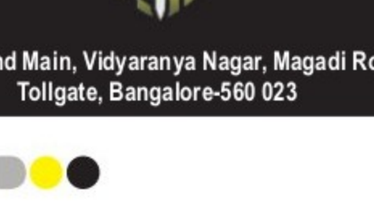
CITY READ

Bank hosts its first marathon

Canara Bank conducted its first marathon in Sri Kanteerava Stadium, on November 19. Over 7000 participants competed in the Canara Fun Run (3K), Canara Savings Run (5K), and Canara Premium Run (10K). The event was flagged off by the MD and CEO of Canara Bank, K Satyanarayana Raju along with non-executive chairman of the bank, Vijay Srirangan and executive directors of the bank, Debashish Mukherjee, Ashok Chandra, Hardeep Singh Ahluwalia, and Bhavendra Kumar. The winners of the 10K run were awarded ₹2 lakhs and winners of the 5K run were awarded ₹1 lakh. MD & CEO of Canara Bank K Satyanarayana Raju felicitated various international sports dignitaries.



Foundation announces free surgeries for 200 underprivileged children

SPARSH Foundation, an organisation that provides accessible healthcare to the underprivileged has announced the 11th edition of SPARSH Vachana. The foundation has performed 1500+ surgeries and has expanded its procedures to a broader spectrum of medical specialities like cardiac, and neuroscience, with 200 free surgeries for underprivileged children. This initiative will focus on providing surgeries to children suffering from various congenital and acquired medical conditions. Actor Aishani Shetty and Dr Sharan Shivaraj Patil were present during the ceremony where children who have been shortlisted for this year's surgeries and children who have benefitted from this initiative were present.

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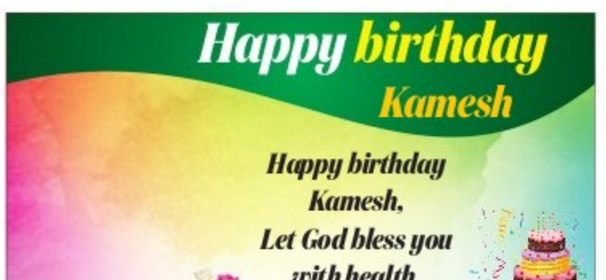

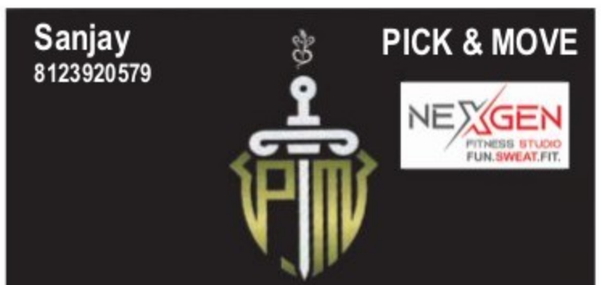

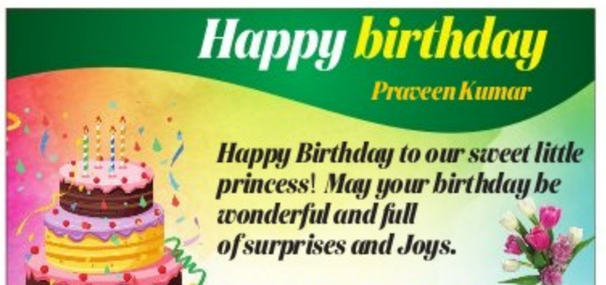
Happy birthday
Praveen Kumar
Happy Birthday to our sweet little princess! May your birthday be wonderful and full of surprises and Joys.
Best Wishes From:
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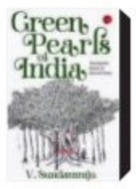
BOOK NOOK

Kanchenjunga Whispers: Legends and Tales from The Elgin

by Rea Oberoi

The author takes you on an unforgettable adventure through a land of sacred, wish-fulfilling places, countless legends, supernatural presence and mysterious myths.



Green Pearls of India: Tracing the Roots of Sacred Trees

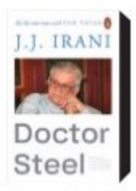
by V Sundararaju

The author captures the essence and beauty of 27 sacred trees. He vividly describes the religious, social, economic, ecological, cultural and medicinal values of each and explores the stories and legends associated with them.

The Final Farewell: Understanding the Last Rites and Rituals of India's Major Faiths

by Minakshi Dewan

Based on thorough research, keen observation, and personal interviews, the book is a reminder to honour those who came before, and to work towards a better world to leave behind.



Doctor Steel: My Life and Times

by JJ Irani

The book is the result of freewheeling conversations between Irani and NK Sharan in the months before the former's passing – a look back at this journey.

WHAT WHEN WHY WHERE

Paint & Play

Let your artistic side come out and play as you paint beautiful landscapes on wooden coasters. Whether you are a budding artist or a curious beginner, everyone is welcome to try their hand at this fun, stress-busting activity.

When: Nov 20, 5pm **Where:** Art Beat, HSR Layout **Details:** bookmyshow.com

Verses Re-imagined

Take a step closer to understanding prominent Urdu writer Saadat Hasan Manto's works with *Ishtihaar*, a compilation of three of his stories stitched together with theatre artist Deevas Gupta's fresh poetry.

When: Nov 21, 7.30pm
Where: Ranga Shankara, JP Nagar
Details: bookmyshow.com

Music Therapy

Gain expertise in the field of Carnatic music by enhanced voice training and extensive knowledge of ragas. Attending this workshop will guarantee the skills and knowledge required for appearing for music exams and for performing in front of crowds.

When: Nov 20, 10am
Where: Fusion Waves Music Academy, Electronic City
Details: bookmyshow.com

LAUGH RIOT

Attend this stand-up comedy show, and spend the evening laughing at the expense of regular Bengaluru comedians' exaggerated misery and witty jabs.

When: Nov 20, 8pm
Where: Bistro Claytopia, Koramangala
Details: bookmyshow.com

Party Night

At this DJ night, jam to trending tunes by DJ Lakky and enjoy a live performance by the band Chichore.

When: Nov 20, 7pm
Where: Toca, Koramangala
Details: highape.com

Comedy Night

Get ready for a night of laughter as you savour new material from Bengaluru's stellar line-up of comedians like Pronoy Chowdhury, Taral Shah, Manish Jain, and more

When: Nov 21, 8.30pm
Where: Klayworkz Barista, JP Nagar
Details: bookmyshow.com

DJ Beats

Take a break from the hustle-bustle of work and dance the night away to DJ Hassan's electrifying tunes this Tuesday night.

When: Nov 21, 8pm
Where: Happy Brew, Koramangala
Details: bookmyshow.com

CULTURAL CELEBRATION

Underprivileged children perform the traditional dance of Dollu Kunitha on the occasion of Children's Day celebrations organised by an NGO at Chamrajpet on Sunday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

QUICK FIX

MEXICAN TOMATO CORN SOUP

INGREDIENTS

- **Ripe tomato:** 4
- **Fresh corn:** 1/4 cup
- **Garlic:** 2 pods, crushed
- **Jalapeño:** 4 to 5 pieces
- **Tomato ketchup:** 1 tbsp
- **White pepper powder:** 1 tsp
- **Finely chopped coriander to garnish**
- **Onion:** 1
- **Fresh cream:** 2 tbsp
- **Oregano:** 1/4 tsp
- **Grated cheese:** 2 tbsp
- **Salt to taste**

Contributed by **Uma Sridharan,** Chennai

METHOD

- Boil onion and tomato. Peel the tomato. Grind onion and tomato to a paste.
- Boil corn with crushed garlic pods and jalapeño. When done, combine tomato onion mixture, oregano and salt.
- Bring it to boil on low flame.
- Add fresh cream and cheese. Mix well.
- Remove from heat. Garnish with finely chopped coriander leaves.
- Serve hot with bread toast. Can add a dash of lime for enhancing flavour.

What's cooking in your kitchen?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com

FIT BIT

BADDHA ARDHA MATSYENDRASANA

(BOUND HALF LORD OF THE FISHES POSE)

This pose is an intermediate level seated twisting pose, a great stretch for the neck and shoulders. This is one of the 12 main poses of Hatha Yoga. It is named after the great yogi Matsyendranath who founded Hatha Yoga.

STEPS

- Sit in Dandasana (Staff Pose). Bend the left knee and bring the foot below the right thigh, while lifting the right leg a bit, placing it close to the right hip.
- Bring the right foot over the left thigh, and place it close to the left hip. The right knee will be close to your upper body.
- Breathe deeply. Twist upper body towards right, bring the right palm and place it behind you.
- With the left arm, place the outer elbow close to the the right knee and grab the right foot. Pull your front torso and inner right thigh together.
- While exhaling twist the torso more towards the right and gradually place the right hand on the hips.
- Ensure that the neck and shoulders are in alignment. With every inhalation lift a little more through the sternum, pushing the right fingers deep into the left upper thighs to help twist deeper.
- Maintaining body balance, the entire spine gets twisted evenly.
- Ensure the body is balanced on the hips.
- Stay here as long as you are comfortable.
- Release and repeat on the left side.
- Finally, relax in Dandasana.

BENEFITS

- It stretches the lower parts of the body.
- Helps increase blood flow.
- Helps open neck, shoulders and chest.
- Helps breathe deeper and better.
- Helps relieve constipation.
- Helps improve functioning of the liver and pancreas.
- Helps with nervous disorders.
- Helps relieve symptoms of backache, fatigue, menstrual discomfort and sciatica.

LIMITATIONS

People suffering from severe back or neck pain should practise with caution.

People with slip disc problems, weak joints, senior citizens, and pregnant women, avoid this.

By N Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

IRUGAPATRU (Tamil)

Three couples in turbulent marriages embark on an emotional journey to find love with each other again – or fall apart forever.

Cast: Shraddha Srinath, Vikram Prabhu, Manobala

- **Watch on:** Netflix

THE ROAD (Tamil)

A national highway becomes a primary conflict in the lives of Meera, a journalist, and Maya, a college professor, and makes their life upside down.

Cast: Trisha, Santhosh Prathap

- **Watch on:** Aha

MITIN MASHI (Bengali)

Pragya Paromita, fondly called Mitin, is appointed by a Parsi couple to investigate their eight-year-old son's kidnapping. Mitin has done Economics from Presidency and balances her detective and homemaker lives equally well.

Cast: Koel Mallick, Vinay Pathak

- **Watch on:** Disney+ Hotstar

SKANDA (Telugu)

When his sister is put into a coma, a man vows to get revenge on the corrupt men who injured her.

Cast: Ram Pothineni, Sreeleela, Saiee Manjrekar

- **Watch on:** Disney+ Hotstar

VIAH TE LOAN (Punjabi)

Gunnu falls in love with Raunak, a girl in his neighbourhood. To fulfil her condition for marriage, he arranges for `10 lakh by taking a loan. What happens when Raunak runs away with the money?

Cast: Gagneet Makhan, Navdeep Gill, Shikha Verma

- **Watch on:** ZEE5

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

AYOTHI (Tamil)

A family from Ayodhya travels to Rameswaram on a spiritual trip. When a series of unfortunate incidents befall them, a stranger decides to help them out.

Cast: Sasikumar, Preethi Asrani

- **Watch on:** ZEE5

GHOOMER (Hindi)

It is the story of Anina, who loses her right hand on the eve of her international cricketing debut. Later, she becomes a bowler for the Indian cricket team with a failed cricketer's innovative training.

Cast: Saiyami Kher, Abhishek Bachchan, Shabana Azmi, Angad Bedi

- **Watch on:** ZEE5

FOREIGN

AT THE MOMENT (Mandarin, series)

This anthology series from Taiwan explores the multiple facets of love during the pandemic, portraying 10 different stories about human connection and intersecting lives, woven together by the making of a reality dating show.

Cast: Gingle Wang, Wu Kang-ren, Ruby Lin

- **Watch on:** Netflix

DOONA (Korean, series)

A college student navigates life and school while dealing with a unique predicament – he's living with a former K-pop idol.

Cast: Suzy, Yang Se-jong, Ha Young

- **Watch on:** Netflix

DAILY DOSE OF SUNSHINE (Korean, series)

The series centers on Jung Daeun, a skilled nurse in the department of Psychiatry at Myungshin University Hospital, and her interactions with the patients under her care.

Cast: Park Bo-young, Yeon Woo-jin

- **Watch on:** Netflix

FAME AFTER FAME (Spanish, series)

After 14 successful years on Spanish TV, the biggest personalities of *Salvame* look for new job opportunities across America in this reality series.

Cast: Belén Esteban, María Patiño, Terelu Campos, Kiko Hernández

- **Watch on:** Netflix

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Curiosity Stream:	₹415/month
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ON THE ROAD WITH ART

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(The writer is an artist and curator, passionate about making art accessible to the larger public)

INDIA is a country that exuberates bright colours. Look around and you will understand what that means; life is soaked in a million hues. Not even the highways are drab and dreary on the gloomiest rainy day. Sharing space with your fancy mean machines are the good old lorries chugging along with overloaded cargoes, enveloping you in a cloud of smoke, while gently reminding you that the only means of escape is to 'Horn Ok, Please'! Daily encounters with these vehicles may have perhaps made us blind to the fact that most trucks are indeed elaborately decorated works of art.

Termed Truck Art, this genre treats the body of the vehicle as a canvas. Varied elements which embody the cultural beliefs and religious motifs, as well as socially relevant messages, are painted on them in an outburst of colours and patterns. Popular in South Asia, especially in India and Pakistan, it started in the 1920s when India's streets were lined with trucks from England. They had ornate wooden prows fitted on top, decorative bumpers and wooden panels running along the cabin. In the late 1940s, the companies that owned these trucks had their logos painted on them as a means of popularising their name even among the illiterate, as they sent their trucks to distant lands to deliver goods. These logos slowly turned into fancy ornamentations. The belief was that the more ostentatious the design, the better it was for the business.

This flamboyance comes with a price, of course. Truck Art is expensive and requires maintenance too. Yet, no matter the cost, it is hard to come across a lorry that has no art to proclaim. Painting on a truck is an industry by itself with artists who specialise in it. Recently, this genre of art was used for a social cause too. Pakistan reports nearly 3,000 children as missing each year. Kidnapped, abused and trafficked, most of these children are never found. As the reach of media is almost absent in remote areas, it was almost impossible to spread the message that would help in locating them.

This was when Truck Art stepped in and found a solution. An NGO that worked towards finding these missing children, collaborated with Berger Paints as a sponsor, along with artists and truck companies to paint the portraits of these missing children on the trucks, with a helpline number. As the trucks traversed the length and breadth of the country, calls started pouring in on the helpline and within a span of four weeks and twenty painted trucks, three children were reunited with their families. The initiative has been responsible for many such rescues thereafter too. As we journey with a bundle of thoughts weighing us down and cocooned in our own private worlds, we often do not even notice these cheerfully hued vehicles of our culture. Yet, our roads would never be the same without them. May these mobile works of art continue to be true reflections of the beauty of our country.

(The writers' views are their own)

CELEBRATING BENGALURU'S CULINARY MAESTROS

IN the dynamic realm of Indian gastronomy, a culinary renaissance has taken center stage, and Bengaluru stands as a vibrant hub, nurturing exceptional chefs who are reshaping the country's culinary landscape. Their dedication to preserving tradition while exploring innovation is a testament to the exciting evolution of Indian cuisine. Culinary Culture recently unveiled the second edition of #FoodSuperstars, a prestigious recognition of India's top 30 chefs. Bengaluru proudly showcased its culinary prowess with four outstanding chefs earning a spot on the coveted list: chef Johnson Ebenezer, chef Vinesh Johny, chef Kavan Kuttappa, and chef Mythrayie Iyer.

ASLAM GAFOOR

(The writer is a Bengaluru-based hospitality professional, food lover and travel enthusiast)

Chef Johnson Ebenezer, the visionary behind Farmlore, a quaint dining haven championing the farm-to-table concept, has turned it into Bengaluru's most captivating culinary hotspot. With a mere 18 seats, Farmlore offers an intimate dining experience that reflects Johnson's passion for excellence. Pastry maestro Chef Vinesh Johny, leading Lavonne Academy of Baking Science and Pastry Arts, elevates dessert creation to an art form. His delicate and delectable creations not only delight patrons but also inspire aspiring chefs, making India a sweet haven for dessert enthusiasts. Chef Kavan Kuttappa, the mastermind behind Naru Noodle Bar, India's most sought-after dining destination, showcases his expertise in crafting the deepest, most flavourful broths. Kavan has garnered a devoted cult following for his culinary prowess. The young and dynamic chef Mythrayie Iyer, awarded Young Chef 2023, explores culinary frontiers with her international experiences. As the head chef of Bengaluru's Farmlore, Mythrayie plays a pivotal role in crafting extraordinary culinary experiences. Among the other culinary luminaries, chef Regi Mathew's Kappa Chakka Kandhari stands as one of Chennai's finest, with a successful branch in Bengaluru.

Chef Suresh DC, a Bengaluru native, discovered his true calling in Goa with Hosa, bringing a unique flavour profile to the culinary scene. Chef Shri Bala, a self-taught chef with a background in chartered accountancy and law, has become a torchbearer for Tamil gastronomy with her notable pop-ups in Bengaluru. Raaj Sanghvi, CEO of Culinary Culture, emphasised the platform's purpose in honouring and celebrating India's chefs. #FoodSuperstars will always be about the chefs, recognising their contributions to bringing joy to our lives. "As these culinary luminaries from Bengaluru and beyond continue to push boundaries, their journey symbolises the ascent of a new generation of culinary stars in India, contributing to the rich tapestry of the nation's ever-evolving food culture.

(The writers' views are their own)

NUGGET

Gastropub announces Thanksgiving menu

Gastropub Monkey Bar has announced a specially curated Thanksgiving menu for lunch and dinner on November 23. The menu has been curated by combining traditional and modern flavours. Dishes like honey-glazed sweet potato wedges and carrot, brown butter-sauteed green beans and spinach, herbed roasted corn, along with the centrepiece roasted turkey breast will be featured. Along with this, a range of wines and beverages will be available as well. For more details, contact: 8655464500

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **AALOK PATHIK CHAUDHARY**, S/o. Lalchand Pathik, Resident at Flat No. E101, Premier Grihalakshmi Apartment, S.M. Road, Jalahalli Cross, Bangalore - 560 015, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **ALOK KUMAR PATHIK** to **AALOK PATHIK CHAUDHARY** vide affidavit dated 17.11.2023 sworn to before B.M. Chandrashekar, Advocate & Notary Public, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **GEETHA NADARAJAN,** Residing at, No:VI-203, Rosewood Regency, Near St.Peters School, Kaikondrahalli, Doddakannalli, Bengaluru-560035, Karnataka, India, have changed my Name from **GEETHA** (Old Name) to **GEETHA NADARAJAN** (New Name), vide affidavit dated:18-11-2023, sworn before Advocate & Notary, K.V. Mani, Bengaluru for all official and future purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **BASAVARAJ SIDDHALINGAPPA DODDAMANI**, S/o. Siddhalingappa V Doddamani, Residing at No. 20, 4th Cross, Lake V Garden, Behind Gangadharayya Kalyana Bhavana, Kereguddadahalli, Bengaluru - 560 090, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **BASAVARAJ DODDAMANI** to **BASAVARAJ SIDDHALINGAPPA DODDAMANI** vide affidavit dated 16.11.2023 sworn to before Sumithra .N, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

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I, Asha Raghu W/o Raghu. G. R. Residing at No.12, 5th Main, Agrahara Dasarahalli, Magadi Main Road, Bangalore-560079. Here I declared Asha M.C., Asha. C & Asha Raghu names are belongs to me and now onwards Asha Raghu will be my Official Name for further Documents vide affidavit dated 18.11.2023 Sworn Before Notary L.Veena, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Asha Panduranga Shirahatti**, W/o. Sheshachary, residing at No. 128, Bhageerathi, 5th Cross, 5th Main R K Layout, Padmanabhanagar, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560070, do hereby declare that my name is changed from **ASHA PANDURANGA SHIRAHATTI** to **ASHA SHESHACHARY JAHAGIRDAR** vide affidavit dtd 18-11-2023 sworn before notary B.K.R. Krishnamurthy, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MANOJ SIPANI** aged about 56 Years, S/o. **Sri. Sundar Lal Sipani** R/at No. 373, 6th Cross, Near Wipro Park, 1st Block, Koramanagala, Bangalore-560034, have changed my name to **MANOJ KUMAR SIPANI** vide affidavit dated: 15/11/2023 Before Notary **L.Shankaranarayana** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **YUGAYATTRI ASHHOK BALIKIRE** R/at # 516, Samruddhi 1st Floor 4th Main, 4th Cross, 9th Block Nagarbhavi 2nd Stage, Bengaluru North – 560072 have changed my name to **SHIVAANII ASHHOK BALIKERE** vide affidavit dated: 09/11/2023 Before Notary **K.V.Mani** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SRI.SEETHARAMA SINGH.** Aged About 42 Years R/at #47, 3rd Cross, Brundavana Nagara Phase-II. Kanobanahalli. Nagasandra Post. Bangalore North, Bangalore-560073, I declare that below mentioned my daughter's names **SIMANTHRI BAI"** and **"SEEMANTINI S TAKUR"** refer to single person only and I wish to continue her name as **"SEEMANTINI S TAKUR"** in all her future Documents instead "SIMANTHRI BAI"., vide affidavit dated 11/11/2023 sworn to before V.Anjanappa advocate and notary Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Service No. 15319400M, Rank: EX SEP, Name: MANJUNATHA. P.V (Retd) S/o. Venkataravanappa R/a Puttagundlahalli village, Kadadalamari post, Chintamani Taluk, Chikkaballapura District- 563123 declare that in my discharge book/ service record name of my son is recorded and appear as **PUNITH REDDY instead of PUNITH REDDY. M** vide affidavit dated: 16.11.2023 before Notary M. Devaraja, Chintamani.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SATWIK TONSE PAI, aged about 24 years, S/o Sridhar Tonse Pai residing at No.189, Phase-1, Adarsh Palm Meadows, Ramagundanahalli, Whitefield, Bangalore, Karnataka-560066, I declare that the names SATWIK PAI, SATWIK T PAI and SATWIK TONSE PAI, belongs to me only, and three names belong to one and the same person, vide affidavit dated 17/11/2023 sworn before advocate and notary Deepa .M, Bengaluru.**

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **G.N.Vijaya**, D/o Narayanappa G.C, R/at D.Hosahalli Village, Devanagondhi Post, Anugondanahalli Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, do hereby solemnly declare that my name is **VIJAYA KUMARI .G.N** as per my school documents and in my Aadhar Card and Bank details my name is mentioned as **G.N.VIJAYA** both the names belongs to me only henceforth my name will be **G.N.VIJAYA** only in all my records. Vide affidavit dated 17.11.2023 sworn to before Advocate and Notary **H.M.Govindaraju**, Hosakote.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MAYA MAHESH RAO**, aged about 49 years, R/a D-1004, Ajmera Green Acres, Bannerghatta Road, Kalena Agrahara, Bengaluru - 560076. I have changed my name from **MAYA RAO** to **MAYA MAHESH RAO**. Vide affidavite Dated : 17.11.2023 Sworn before notary :L Puttaraju

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **AJIT PRAKASH ADNUR S/o PRAKASH ADNUR** (Father) and **TARAKESHWARI ADNUR** (Mother), holding passport number R6998514, R/at No. 07, 1st A Main Road, 2nd A Cross, RMV 2ND STAGE, Ashwathnagar, Dollars Colony, Bengaluru-560094, state that my names **ADNUR AJIT PRAKASH, ADNUR AJITH PRAKASH** and **AJIT ADNUR** are variations of **AJIT PRAKASH ADNUR** (Real and Final Name) sworn vide affidavit dated: 17-11-2023 before Notary **N Peruvazhuthi**, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MEDHHA ASHHOK BALIKERE** R/at # 516, Samruddhi 1st Floor 4th Main, 4th Cross, 9th Block Nagarbhavi 2nd Stage, Bengaluru North – 560072 have changed my name to **MEDHA ASHHOK BALIKERE** vide affidavit dated: 09/11/2023 Before Notary **K.V.Mani** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SRAVANTI CHENNAREDDY** W/o **VENKAT NIPUN GAJJALA**, aged 42 Years, R/at Villa 88, JR Greenwich, Off Sarjapur Road, Kodathi Bangalore South, Bengaluru-560035, my husband name is wrongly mentioned as **VENKAT GAJJALA** instead of **VENKAT NIPUN GAJJALA**, my husband Correct name is **VENKAT NIPUN GAJJALA**, only vide affidavit dated: 18/11/2023 Before Notary **V. Anjanappa** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MANUSHRI K,** D/o Kumar, Aged about 30 Years and resident of JBK, Ganapthi Apartment, Durga Devi Layout, Durga Devi Temple, Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore-560097, have changed my name from **MANUSRI K** to **MANUSHRI K,** vide affidavit dated 17/11/2023 sworn to before S.R.Ravikumar advocate and notary Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **B. GANESH** S/o N. Balasubramanian and K. Nagalakshmi residing at Flat No. 13042, Building No. 1, Tower 3, Prestige Falcon City, Konanakunte Cross, Kanakapura Road, Bengaluru - 560 062 have changed the name of our son from **G. SRAVAN** to **B.G. SRAVAN** vide affidavit dated 15th day of November 2023 sworn before Notary Aravind Patil C.G., Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Aaditya Kumar, S/o Mr. Kulbir Singh Karnwal, residing at No: 331, Shravanthi Paramount, Nyanappanahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru-560068 have changed my name to ADITYA KARNWAL vide affidavit No. IN-KA44395057041390V, dated : 18/11/2023 before the Advocate and Notary D.K. Rameshappa, Bangalore.**

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **AROKYASAMI SOURIMUTHU,** R/of No. 14, 1st Cross, Muneshwaranagar, Old Mangammanapalya Road, Bommanahalli Post, Bengaluru-560068, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **AROKYASAMI** to **AROKYASAMI SOURIMUTHU,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **AROKYASAMI SOURIMUTHU** only, vide affidavit dated 17-11-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **P.N. NAGESHA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SOWMYA SRIVATSA,** Aged about 43 years, Wife of **Srivatsa Bangalore Prasad**, Residing at No 143, 6th Cross, 2nd Main, Vasantha Vallabha Nagar, Subramanyapura Post, Bangalore-560061,Karnataka India, have changed my name from **SOWMYA SRIVATSA** to **SOWMYA HARISCHANDRA MALAGIKAR**, vide affidavit dtd 18/11/2023 sworn before notary B.K.R.Krishnamurthy, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SRIDHARA PILLAPPA MALLUR** S/o **CHINNAKESHWAREDDY** #10, Melur Road, Mallur V & P, Sidlaghatta Taluk, Chikkaballapura District - 562102, Have changed my name to **MALLUR JAYARAM SRIDHARA** & my father's name to **JAYARAM MALLUR PILLAPPA** vide affidavit dt. 08.11.2023 before notary T NARAYANASWAMY, Devanahalli.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **VEENA MUTALIK DESAI** R/at No.1912, DS Max Sky City Thanisandra Main Road, Bharateeya City Chokkanahalli, Bengaluru- 560064 have changed my name to **VEENA THUMARI KARUNAKARA** vide affidavit dated: 17/11/2023 Before Notary **H.Sridhar Rao** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

We, 1) **NAIMISH A AMBASANA,** S/o. Naimish Arvindbhai Ambasana, aged about 40 years, 2) **JAGRUTIBEN NAIMISHBHAI AMBASANA,** W/o NaimishAAmbasana, aged about 38 years, both areresiding at #274, Ground floor, 13th cross road, BEML Layout, Near Balaji Medicals, Basweshwarnagar, 8th main, Basaveshwarnagar, Bangaloure-560079, have changed our Son's name from **VIVAN** to **VIRAT NAIMISHBHAI AMBASANA,** vide affidavit dated H.H. Nagaraj advocate and notary Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) NATARAJA R S/o Rajendra G Residing at No. 55, 8th Cross, 1st Main, Opposite to Testy Thindis Hotel Chowdeshwari Nagar Laggere, Bengaluru - 560058. Have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) NATARAJA R** to **(NEW NAME) NATARAJ R** vide affidavit dated 19.11.2023 sworn before Notary R Vishnuvardhan Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **Mrs. ARUNA K.S**, Wife of Mr. Shreeharsha K.N, Aged about 52 years, Residing at No. 16/3, 17th 'A' Cross, 8th Main, Malleshwaram, Bangalore - 560 055, Karnataka, India, do hereby declare that **ARUNA KUMARI, ARUNA K.S.** and **K.S ARUNA** all the names refer to me only. Hereinafter for all records and other purposes my name shall be called as **ARUNA K.S.** only. Vide affidavit dated 02.11.2023 sworn to before K. Mohan, Advocate and Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SURENDRA P N**, S/o Narayanan, age 51 years, R/at No. 114/A, Muniyappa Layout, Anekal Town, Bangalore Urban Dist-562 106 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SURENDRA** to **SURENDRA P N**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **SURENDRA P N** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 15-1-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **E. SHANKAR** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **ASHHOK BALIKKERE** R/at # 516, Samruddhi 1st Floor 4th Main, 4th Cross, 9th Block Nagarbhavi 2nd Stage, Bengaluru North – 560072 have changed my minor Son Name From **SHIVAAPRASAD ASHHOK BALIKEERE** to **KRISHNA ASHHOK BALIKERE** vide affidavit dated: 09/11/2023 Before Notary **K.V.Mani** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **RAJA KUMARA GARUDANAHALLY CHIKKALINGAIAH** S/o **Chikkalingaiah** aged about 52 Years R/at No.53093 Prestige Falcon City, Kanakapura Road, Konanakunte Croos, Doddakallasandra, Bangalore-560062, have changed my name to **RAJKUMAR GARUDANAHALLI CHIKKALINGAIAH** vide affidavit dated: 15/11/2023 Before Notary **L.Shankaranarayana** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I Gowramma Shivarudrappa, residing at No. 27, 3rd Cross, Patel Balappa Layout, Adugodi, Koramangala Main Road, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru-560030. have changed my name from Gowramma to Gowramma Shivarudrappa vide affidavit dated 15-11-2023 sworn before Notary B Hanumantharaya.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **LAKSHMAMMA R** W/o Nagaraju, R/o No.257 Haralahalli, Mandya, Karnataka - 571435, declares that names **KAVERI, LAKSHMAMMA R** & **LAKSHMI R**, all belongs to same person and i.e., me only, vide affidavit dated 18.11.2023, sworn before notary K.C Pemmaiah, Bangalore.

DECLARATION OF NAME

This is to declare that my name is **KEERTHI.V.M** alias **KEERTHI MANYAM** D/o. Venkatesh.M alias Venkateswara Naidu Manyam vide Affidavit dated 14/11/2023, sworn to before Notary Mr. Mahesha J.J. Herein afterwards I can be identified with both the names **KEERTHI.V.M** and **KEERTHI MANYAM (KEERTHI.V.M** alias **KEERTHI MANYAM).**

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **GOPIKA JAYAPRAKASH**, vide Passport No. L4207705, Date of Birth: 29.06.1990, D/o. Mr. Jayaprakash Thekke Veettil and Mrs. Subhadra Thekke Pisharam, Residing at Flat No. 19086, Wing-19, 'Sobha Dream Acres', Panathur Road, Balagere, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore - 560 087, Karnataka, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **GOPIKA KIRAN** to **GOPIKA JAYAPRAKASH** vide affidavit dated 18.11.2023 sworn to before K.V. Jagannath Reddy, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **ANAGHA SEETHRAMAIAH KUMAR,** Daughter of **Kumar S**, Residing at No.64, Guruguha, 2nd Main, Sapthagirinagar, BSK 3rd Stage, Bangalore-560085, have changed my name from **ANAGHA SEETHRAMAIAH KUMAR** to **ANAGHA KUMAR**, vide affidavit dated 18/11/2023 sworn before notary H.G. PADMANABHA RAO, Reg No.12464, Bengaluru.

ANNOUNCEMENT

I, **Vaishnavi.N D/o R.Narayana Murthy** Residing at No.82, 3rd A Cross, 5th Main, Chandrashekar Layout, Annapoorneshwarinagar, Bangalore-560091, I have wrongly mentioned **Date of Birth 04-10-2002** in my Birth Certificate Reg No.152002071020023291 whereas after rectifying the same it has been changed correct **Date of Birth 03-10-2002** in my birth certificate Vide Affidavit dated: 18-11-2023 Sworn Before Notary J.R.Karunakara, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **GAAYATHRI ASHHOK BALIKEERE** R/at # 516, Samruddhi 1st Floor 4th Main, 4th Cross, 9th Block Nagarbhavi 2nd Stage, Bengaluru North – 560072 have changed my name to **SAGARIKA ASHHOK BALIKERE** vide affidavit dated: 09/11/2023 Before Notary **K.V.Mani** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, hitherto known as **Radha Shet** W/o Madhukar Shet, aged about 56 years, residing at No.16, 1st Main, Near Krishna Temple, Deshabandu Nagar, Bengaluru 560 097, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as **Bharati Vernekar.**, vide affidavit dated 18/11/2023 sworn to before T.Mallikarjuna advocate and notary Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Service No. 14428695N, Rank: EX HAV, Name: SHANKARAPPA. K.V (Retd) S/o. Venkatarayappa. K R/a #6, Anjani Extention, Opposite to Kishora Vidyabhavana, Chintamani Town, Chikkaballapura District- 563125 declare that in my discharge book/ service record name of my wife is recorded and appear as **VINODHA instead of VINODHA. Y.V.** vide affidavit dated: 16.11.2023 before Notary M. Devaraja, Chintamani.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MINAXSHI, W/o. Mr. Aditya Karnwal, residing at No.331, Shravanthi Paramount, Nyanappanahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore 560068, have changed my name to MEENAKSHI KARNWAL vide affidavit No. IN-KA43669095024435V, dated : 17/11/2023 before the Advocate and Notary D.K. Rameshappa, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **GOBINATH ANNATHURAI**, S/o. Annadurai, Resident at No. B-401, ND Ascent Aprt, AECS Layout, A-Block, Singasandra, Bangalore - 560 068, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **GOBINATH ANNADURAI** to **GOBINATH ANNATHURAI** vide affidavit dated 17.11.2023 sworn to before B.M. Chandrashekar, Advocate & Notary Public, Bengaluru.

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Rishab Shetty

GRAND MUHURAT SET FOR *KANTARA* PREQUEL LAUNCH

Actor-director Rishab Shetty's period drama, made under Hombale Films, is set to be officially launched on November 27

A SHARADHAA

Earlier this year, actor-filmmaker Rishab Shetty, who gave the blockbuster *Kantara,* had revealed of coming up with the prequel, which has been creating quite a stir among the multilingual audience. 10 months later, the much-anticipated project, produced by Vijay Kiragandur's Hombale Films banner, is set to be officially launched with a grand muhurath on November 27.

In a previous interaction, Rishab mentioned that the idea of a prequel flashed in his mind while shooting *Kantara*, and he had taken time to refine it.

Rishab explained that *Kantara* discussed agriculture, feudalism, land encroachment, environmental protection issues, human and nature conflict, Shiva's journey., etc. He added that the divinity of the father, which became the highlight of *Kantara,* has a lot of depth to it, and it is this backstory that will be explored in the prequel. The makers shared that the film will be made on a big budget, and will surpass the scale of *Kantara.*

Rishab, along with his team of writers, Aniruddh Mahesh and Shanil Guru, have locked the script. The director, who is also playing the lead, has kept the production details under wraps, but it is evident that Rishab will undergo a physical transformation for the role.

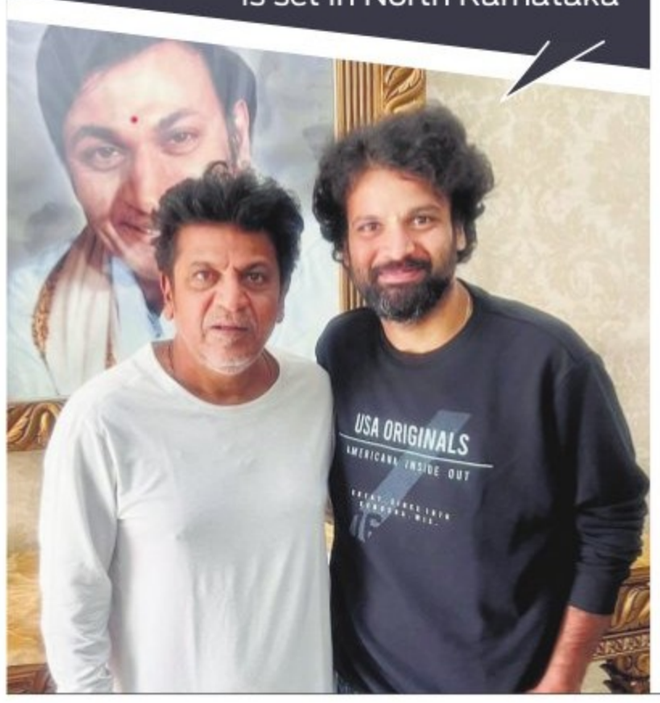
The first instalment featured Sapthami Gowda, Kishore, Achyuth Kumar, Pramod Shetty, Prasad Thuminad, Swaraj Shetty, and Manasi Sudhir, among others. As for the prequel, the makers have almost finalised the locations, and have shortlisted a set of actors. While Rishab mentioned having a few actors reprising their roles from the original, we have to see who are the new names joining this much-awaited pan-Indian project.

As for the technicians, the Kantara prequel will see the return of composer Ajaneesh Loknath and cinematographer Arvind S Kashyap

Shivarajkumar along with Rohit Padaki, Dhananjay, Yogi G Raj, Karthik Gowda and Naren

Shivarajkumar joins the upcoming gangster drama, *Uttarakaanda*

Rohit Padaki's film, starring Dhananjay and Ramya, is set in North Karnataka



CE FEATURES

ROHIT Padaki's *Uttarakaanda*, headlined by Dhananjay and Ramya in her comeback after a hiatus, has got bigger with the inclusion of Shivarajkumar. While there were speculations about the inclusion of The Century Star in the gangster drama, the makers officially confirmed the news.

According to the director, Shivanna will play a pivotal role in the film, which is exclusively set in North Karnataka. The cast will be conversing in the distinctive North Karnataka dialect.

Beyond the current star-studded lineup, KRG Studios, the production house, promises a surprising ensemble of actors, gradually unveiling their names in the upcoming days to add to the intrigue and build anticipation for the film.

This film marks the second collaboration between Rohit, Dhananjay, and KRG Studios after *Ratanan Prapancha.*

Uttarakaanda, jointly produced by Karthik Gowda and Yogi G Raj, has finalised its team of technicians. WIth music by Charan Raj, the cinematography is by Advaitha Gurumurthy. Vishwas Kashyap has been roped in for the art direction.

Meanwhile, Shivarajkumar is currently juggling between Arjun Janya 's directorial debut *45*, and director Narthan's *Bhairathi Ranagal,* made under the banner, of Geetha Pictures.

Explores society's superstitions with grit and conviction

RAJAYOGA
Director: Lingaraj Uchchangi Durga
Cast: Dharmanna Kadur, Niriksha Rao, Nagendra Shah, and Usha Ravishankar

A SHARADHAA

RAJAYOGA weaves together the efforts of skilled artists to tell a genuine story. Director Lingaraj Uchchangi Durga's rural tale, without any extra drama, gives us a peek into the life of a village filled with superstitious and gullible folk, a greedy astrologer, and lazy youngsters. The vibrant scenery adds to the movie's impact too.

The plot orbits around Pranesh (Dharmanna Kadur), aka Prani, whose ambition is to become a revenue officer. His journey is marked by societal ridicule for seeking education, and his unwavering determination even after marriage, and the constant struggle to accomplish his personal dreams despite societal pressures. The film delves into themes like astrology, superstitions, and the protagonist's resolute stance amidst societal norms.

Each character, be it a father staunchly advocating superstitions, a high school graduate involved in village administration, or a sibling meandering despite holding a degree, contributes uniquely to the multifaceted depiction of the village. Through the protagonist's arc, Lingaraju subtly underscores the pivotal role of education in shaping one's destiny.

In life, some folks chase wealth and success without breaking a sweat, and others don't mind sacrificing things and working hard. The director showcases both sides in an entertaining way.

Siddharamu (Nagendra Shah) weaves astrology into every aspect of life, standing as a voluntary ascetic, showcasing both indifference towards his son and immense unconditional love. Pranesh, the embodiment of a life in rebellion against his father's beliefs, emerges as the epitome of life itself. His smart and unconventional mind stands out even if his knowledge is too much for the villagers.

The movie mixes humour into Pranesh's exams and job as a Tahsildar. His wedding, among other things, shows how he sticks to being kind despite people not liking him.

From a neglected boy to a thinker challenging norms, the directors show a lot of smarts in this funny story. While making us laugh, the movie also shows how people act, with characters that are a bit over the top but still important.

Dharmanna Kadur, specifically known for his comedic roles, exhibits the ability to charm audiences as a versatile actor. He showcases his innate talent, and is well handled by the director, who provides each character with fair screen time. Niriksha Rao, who played the heroine is a talented debutante with lots of potential to grow. Performances by Nagendra Shah, Krishna Murthy Kavutaru, Srinivasagouda, Usha Ravishankar, Mahantesh Hiremath, and others complement the film, accompanied by Vishnu Prasad's cinematography, and Akshay Rishab's music.

RATING 2.5/5

There is a flip side to *Rajayoga* too. The movie starts strong but ends up feeling repetitive. It takes a while for the story to take a surprising turn. The film's second half carries the most weight and concludes on an emotional note.

Portraying exceptional sacrifice and intelligence rising above ridicule, the film brilliantly unravels the underlying selfishness of people amidst familial and societal criticisms. Explores society's superstitions with grit and conviction.

Dhananjay

Dhananjay wraps up shoot for the multilingual film, *Zebra*

CE FEATURES

THE shooting of Eashvar Karthic's upcoming film *Zebra*, starring Dhananjay and Satyadev, has been wrapped up. The makers have shared the first few stills from the film. The much-anticipated film is now in the post-production stage, and is gearing up for a release. The Kannada-Telugu bilingual will also be dubbed into other languages.

Zebra marks the 26th project for both Dhananjay and Satyadev. The film, which is made to cater to a wide Indian audience, also stars Priya Bhavani Shankar, Jennifer Piccinato, Sathyaraj, Akala, and Sunil in key roles.

Written by Eashvar, *Zebra* is backed by SN Reddy, Bala Sundaram, and Dinesh Sundaram under Padmaja Films Private Ltd. and Old Town Pictures. Ravi Basrur of *KGF* fame will be composing music for the film.

Meanwhile, Dhananjay, who was last seen in Hoysala, is working in Rohit Padaki's *Uttarakaanda,* which also stars Ramya. Dhananjay will also be teaming up with director Shankar Guru for a gangster drama titled *Anna from Mexico.*

A still from the film

Creed 4 is in the works

CE FEATURES

MICHAEL B Jordan made his directorial debut with the *Rocky* spinoff film, *Creed 3,* in which he played the titular role. Now, producer Irwin Winkler has revealed that the actor will be back to direct a fourth instalment in the series. However, an official confirmation is yet to arrive from the actor and MGM Studios

Creed 3, which was released in March this year, was both a critical and commercial success. Jordan first appeared as Adonis Creed, the son of Apollo Creed (Carl Weathers) from the *Rocky* franchise, in the 2015 film Creed. While Sylvester Stallone was heavily involved in the development of the first two Creed films, he did not appear in the third instalment.

Jonathan Majors, who played the central antagonist in *Creed 3,* was recently charged with an assault and harassment case by his ex-girlfriend. Following the accusations, it is currently unsure if he will be a part of the Creed franchise. On the other hand, reports suggest that MGM Studios is in talks with Prime Video to develop a television series set in the world of *Rocky.*